

# Fellowship Is Still Persecuted

By Religious News Service  
STOCKHOLM (RNS) — The Rev. Gerhard Hamm, former leader of an "unregistered" Baptist fellowship in the Soviet Union, said here that the fellowship was still being "persecuted" by the Soviet government.

Mr. Hamm, 51, who left the USSR last year to live in West Germany, came here for the opening of the 13th Baptist World Congress, sponsored by Baptist World Alliance.

At the time he left Russia, Mr. Hamm was a pastor of the Initiativniki ("Initiators") or reform Baptists — numbering some 100,000 — who broke with the officially recognized All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB) in 1965.

The 535,000-member AUCECB, which includes Baptists, Pentecostals, Mennonites, and others, is the largest body of Soviet Protestants.

The dissident Baptist movement — the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians — Baptists (CCECB) — has rejected Moscow's claimed right to oversee its religious affairs, thereby prompting official repression.

A major issue in the split of the "Initiators" from the parent AUCECB was the 1960 revision of the All-Union Council's constitution — at the direction of the Soviet government — to provide a measure of central control over local congregations — in opposi-

tion to traditional Baptist view of local autonomy.

In that same year, under government pressure, the AUCECB leadership urged local church officials to be strict in their enforcement of Soviet laws against religious training and baptism for youths, and to suppress "unhealthy missionary manifestations."

Founders of the dissident CCECB maintained that the All-Union Council had become a tool of the atheistic regime.

At a press conference here, Mr. Hamm said that members of the "unregistered" CCECB were "continuing to receive heavy fines for holding prayer meetings in their homes," and were still being "sacked from their jobs," and their children were still being taken from their homes and placed in government institutions.

"The persecution is continuing today, in some places more than ever, in others, less than before," he said.

Mr. Hamm said he was leading a six-man group, representing the CCECB, at the Baptist World Congress. His group, he said, had only "observer status" at the parley, and would not be allowed to address the assembly of nearly 10,000 delegates from some 80 countries.

The officially recognized All-Union Council from the Soviet Union was represented at the congress by 21 delegates.

## Retired SBC Leader, Frank Tripp, Dies At 81

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Frank Tripp, 81, a retired Southern Baptist Convention agency head, hospital builder, fund raiser, and pastor, died here, July 8, after a lengthy illness.

Tripp, who originated and promoted the Hundred Thousand Club which raised \$7 million to pay off indebtedness of SBC agencies in the Great Depression, served for 12 years as executive secretary and general superintendent of the

Southern Baptist Hospitals agency in New Orleans.

In 1959, he retired from the leadership of the hospital agency, which has since separated from the convention and operates independently of SBC control.

A native of Arkansas, he attended public schools in Indian Territory, which later became the state of Oklahoma, and was educated at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.



Dr. Frank Tripp  
Baptist Leader Passes

Tripp served as pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, and Alabama.

He served as president of both the Louisiana and Alabama Baptist Conventions and the SBC's Executive Committee, and, in 1935, was first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He led in the establishment of a number of Baptist hospitals and children's homes, served as consultant and fund-raiser for institutions, and held many community leadership responsibilities.

He is survived by four daughters, including Mrs. Harvey Hegepeth of Jackson. Funeral services were to be held July 10 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, Montgomery, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

## High Court Term In Review: Action, Inaction Revisited

By Stan Hasty  
WASHINGTON (BP) — Actions by the U. S. Supreme Court in its just-concluded term can be described as a "mixed bag" in the areas of church-state relations and human rights.

On the positive side, the high court issued its most definitive decision to date opposing state aid to parochial schools, stood firmly by its controversial 1973 abortion position, and agreed to hear a case next term which should go a long way in deciding the validity of state aid to non-public colleges and universities.

On the other hand, the court disappointed many observers by holding over any decision on the constitutionality of the death penalty and by refusing to clarify its ambiguous stance on obscenity and pornography.

By its tendency to avoid making tough decisions and issuing opinions instead based on procedural questions, the Burger court is steadily gaining a reputation for acting definitively only when absolutely necessary. Some, including former President Richard M. Nixon, have called such a judicial

posture "strict constructionism." Others see it, instead, as obstructionism.

The contrast with the Supreme Court, under the leadership of the late Chief Justice Earl Warren, is inevitable. Whereas that court jumped at the opportunity to confront controversial questions head-on, the Burger court seems often to go out of its way to avoid them, even when written briefs and oral arguments have sought them out.

While some observers defend the new cautiousness and regard it as a needed corrective to what they viewed as the "social engineering" done during the Warren years, the facts remain that by adopting a posture of "decide only when absolutely necessary" the high court is encouraging protracted litigation of the same cases. That, in turn, is contributing to the growing log jam of cases in the federal court system.

All this comes at a time when Chief Justice Burger is making a concerted effort to convince Congress that an overhauled federal court system is imperative. Burger is crusading for more judge-

ships and for better pay for federal judges, whose salaries have been frozen at \$40,000-\$42,500 for six years, causing a huge exodus of seasoned ones to private practice.

Unfortunately, the chief justice's Capitol Hill lobbying does not seem to square with his judicial philosophy of avoiding deciding cases on their merits and deciding them rather on procedural grounds. Instead of dispatching cases expeditiously, he appears committed to the view that the Supreme Court should act on many controversial matters only reluctantly.

The most obvious recent example was the court's decision (or non-decision) to delay making a judgment as to the constitutionality of the death penalty. In the case of Jesse Thurman Fowler, a convicted murderer from North Carolina, the court was asked by both sides to determine whether the death penalty itself constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment" in violation of the Constitution's Eighth Amendment.

Although the case was remark-

able, but they understood his message. So it was for the Jordanian man who followed the Israeli, and the Czechoslovakian woman and others who answered the Roll Call of Nations," the traditional beginning ceremony at each of the 13 Baptist World Congresses. The Baptist World Alliance has sponsored the congresses since 1905. Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the BWA, led the Roll Call of Nations.

The conference, which is expected to draw religious educators from throughout the South and Southwest, will have as its theme, "The Christian Educator on Mission."

Scheduled to bring keynote addresses are William Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University; E. S. Anderson, Riverside Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.; and Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The highlight of the three-day meeting will be a banquet which will feature Clower. A former fertilizer salesman, Clower is recognized as "the number one country humorist in America."

A series of conferences which will be built around the theme of the meeting will examine the role of the Christian educator as family member, citizen, professional, counselor, administrator, and problem solver.

Leading the various daily sessions will be Robert Pinder, Texas Tech University; Don Searles, First Church, Austin; Will Beale, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Roy Heath, Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville, La.; Joe Burnette, First Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Dr. Kenneth Pepper, Dallas Pastoral Counseling Center; and Lawrence Klempnauer, 2nd Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta.

Special age group seminars are

## Mississippians To Have Active Roles At SWBREA

Noted humorist and lay preacher Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Mississippi, will be a featured participant during the Southwest-  
ern Baptist Religious Education Association's annual meeting scheduled for Aug. 12-14 on the campus of Southwestern Seminary.



Cummings Clower

Some of the prejudices or conflicts in recent years should never have happened in the first place and should never happen again — the maiming of little children, the destruction of vast areas of productive land, the displacement of great numbers of people," Hargroves said. "We are sad, humble, and regretful of any part we had in these things."

A native of China, David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong, was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance for the next five-year term. He was the first Asian to be elected president of the worldwide Baptist organization.

Wong is a U.S. educated architect and engineer.

Robert S. Denny of Washington was re-elected secretary general; and Fred B. Rhodes, also of Washington, was elected treasurer.

The congress audience stood when Swedish Prince Bertil entered the auditorium to represent his government at the opening session of one of the largest international meetings in Stockholm's modern history. A few chairs down the row from the prince sat an African couple, the man dressed in a rose colored robe and the woman in a lime green fabric hat and long dress.

Prime Minister Olof Palme of Sweden welcomed the Baptists to his country, where the Lutheran Church is dominant. The Swedish Baptists number more than 45,000, in a population of about 8 million. He called the Baptist faith "a living tradition... demanding spiritual freedom, not only for its own members, but also for other groups demanding the

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## Ray Grissett To Join Cooperative Missions Staff

Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, has accepted a position as an associate in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He will join the department staff on Aug. 1, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, who made the announcement. Dr. Kelly is executive secretary treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Grissett  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Dr. Foy Rogers is director of the Cooperative Missions Department. He pointed out that Rev. Grissett will be involved in foster missions work in the Baptist associations in the state and also will be involved in church extension ministries in the state.

In the foster missions area he will work with associations in which there is no director of missions, Dr. Rogers said.

Rev. Grissett is a native of Mobile, Ala., but he was reared in Hattiesburg. He is a graduate of Mississippi College with the bachelor of arts degree and from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with the master of divinity degree.

Mrs. Grissett is a native of Hattiesburg. The three children are

## 'Brother Joe' Canzoneri Dies At 88

Rev. Joe Canzoneri, 88, long time evangelistic preacher and singer throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory, died July 11 at his home in Clinton, following an extended illness.

'Brother Joe', as he was affectionately known to his many friends, came to the United

## Area Kindergarten Workshops Slated For Greenwood, Laurel

Kindergarten workshops in two areas of the state on Aug. 4 and 5 will be sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

These meetings will be designed for workers with children of ages three, four, and five in nursery schools and in day care-kindergarten programs.



Adams

North Greenwood Church,

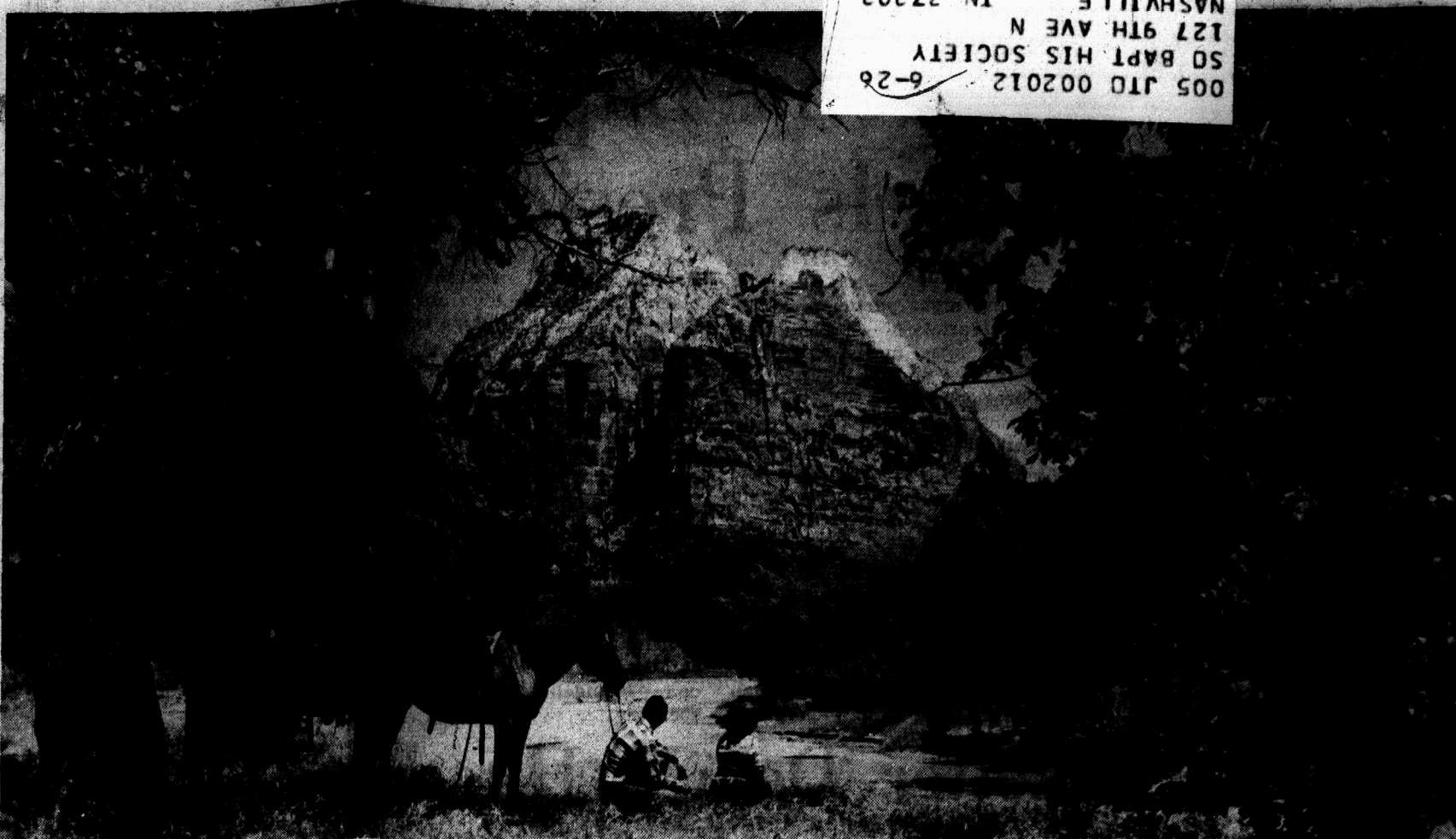
Greenwood, will be the site of the Aug. 4 meeting; and the Aug. 5 conference will be at First Church, Laurel.

These conferences will be held simultaneously with opportunities given for every person to attend each conference during the day.

The three conferences to be offered are "The Kindergarten Curriculum," led by Mrs. Doris Rouse; "The Teacher and the Child," guided by Miss Donna Martin; and Saxe Adams will lead "Using Music Creatively."

Mrs. Rouse is a native of Clinton.

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Mt. Majestic, The Spearhead, and Castle Dome in Zion National Park in Utah.

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# Roll Call Opens Baptist Meet; Wong Is President

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When Evald Johannesson, president of the Stockholm City Council, addressed the congress during the officials' greetings, he referred to the congress theme and said, "Without solidarity, my friends, we will have no new world."

The Archbishop of Uppsala, Olof Sundby, told the Baptists that Christian denominations are like spokes of a common Christian wheel. He also said, "We have been called out of our sacred ivory towers to share the misery of suffering and desperate men."

Also extending a welcome was David Lagergren, secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden. He called a Baptist World Congress "a family party where relatives who live scattered all over the world come to know each other."

Telegraphed greetings came from leaders of England, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, and Liberia. The Liberian Ambassador to Sweden, Joseph Graham, read a letter from Liberian president William Tolbert, 1965-70 president of the BWA.

Many people listened to the greetings, speeches, and Roll Call in five other languages than the spoken English through headsets for a simultaneous translation system. Certain aspects of the program — a prayer by a Cuban Baptist and music of the 800 voice international congress choir and the Stockholm Orchestra — need-

ed no translation.

Opening night participants included a variety of nationalities, costumes, ages, and sex. Alma Hunt of the USA, the only woman vice president of the BWA, presided during part of the program. She introduced the wife, daughter, and grandson of Hargroves, and praised him for "his gentle leadership" which has strengthened "the tie that binds us."

The Baptist congress week was filled with large meetings in seven languages and 40 small discussion groups. Key speakers included a Baptist seminary president from Switzerland, a woman school principal from Japan, a

Baptist leader from Zaire, a black Baptist minister from the USA, the head of the BWA London office, and the president of the Baptist Union of Sweden.

Music at the congress included an original musical drama, and choirs singing at the congress center and throughout Stockholm. Other special sessions focused on the World Mission of Reconciliation, a Baptist evangelistic campaign; Baptist World Relief; an evening in Swedish homes; Youth Night; and a Rally Sunday afternoon at Skansen park after the congress adjourned with American evangelist Billy Graham speaking.

## Letter 'Deluge' Hits FCC, Protesting 'Freeze'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—A petition seeking, among other things, to freeze construction permits for educational stations owned by sectarian and governmental institutions, has elicited more than 100,000 letters, most opposing the petition, addressed to the Federal Communications Commission here.

The "deluge," many of them form letters, is one of the largest outpouring of citizen response to a single issue the FCC has ever received, according to an official of the agency which regulates and issues licenses to all radio and television stations operating in this country.

But the official also noted that many of the letters betrayed a lack of understanding by senders of the aim of the petition, filed Dec. 5 by Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam, private broadcast consultants of Los Gatos, Calif.

Their petition asks the FCC to prevent non-commercial radio and TV owners from controlling more than one station in a broadcast area; to freeze construction permits for educational stations owned by sectarian and governmental institutions; to investigate alleged free speech restrictions practiced by these groups, and to divest any violators of their stations.

A number of letters protest what the writers erroneously believe to be the petition's attempt to ban religion from the airwaves which, as John W. Baker, director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, asserts cannot be done under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Writing in the committee's monthly publication, Report from the Capital, Dr. Baker noted the petition "has generated a strong negative reaction among many people. Some of these have been exposed to only a part of the facts; many have received garbled information."

The mass mailing (which included some referrals from members of Congress) is primarily the result of an appeal made last January during the annual convention here of the National Religious Broadcasters, an association made up of producers of most conservative Christian radio and television programs and 85 percent of the nation's religiously-

affiliated stations.

NRB officials urged the more than 1,000 program producers and station owners attending the convention to ask their listeners to flood the FCC with letters of protest to the Lansman-Milam petition. At a press conference following the convention, Dr. Ben Armstrong, NRB executive secretary, called the petition an "attack" which contains "particularly vicious and malicious charges... not supported by the facts." The petition, he asserted, is a "direct attack on religion."

In their petition, Lansman and Milam noted that "freedom of religion should not presume a sacred duty to program only the most bland and inoffensive, and to enrich the license excessively by promulgating a comfortable, blond Aryan view of the Godhead."

## Ray Grissett To Join Missions Staff

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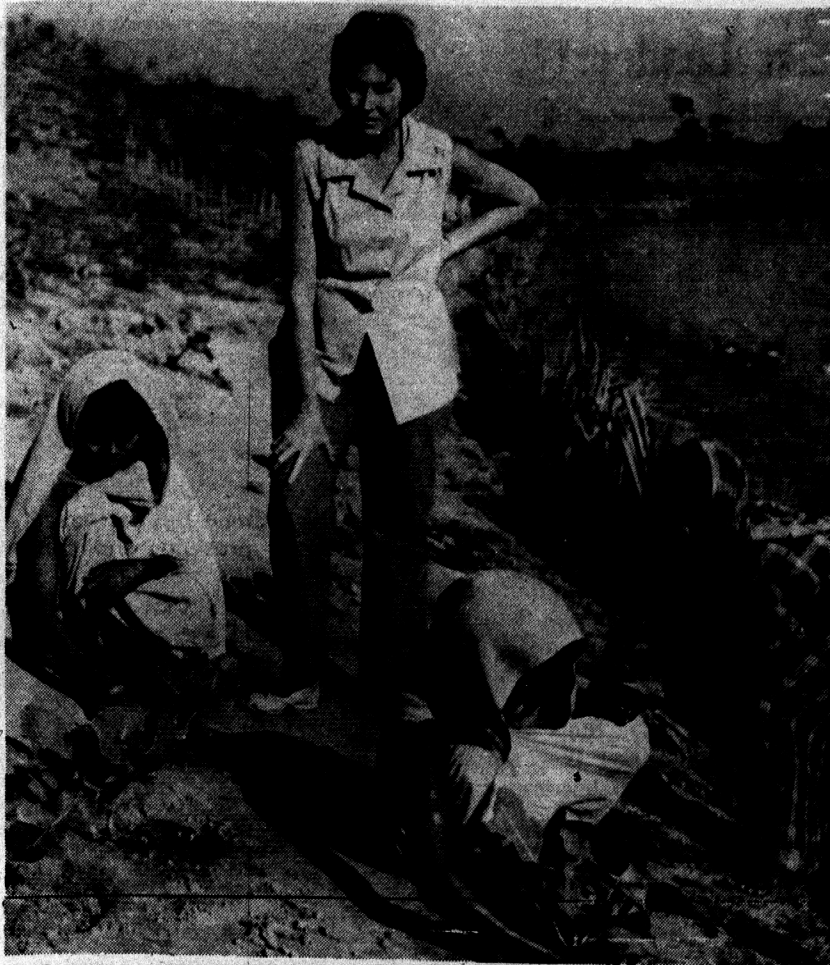
Jay, 15; Jayne, 10; and Michael, 8. Rev. Grissett has been pastor of First Church, Philadelphia for four years. Previously he was pastor of First Church, Wiggins, for 3 1/2 years; and Cove Church, Panama City, Fla.

Student pastorates were at Richburg Church in Lamar County and First Church, Beaumont.

He has served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is vice-chairman of trustees for Clarke College. He has also been moderator of Perry and Lamar Baptist Associations.

Concerning Rev. Grissett's work in church extension, Dr. Rogers said, "The goal for the Decade of Advance is 100 new churches in what is characteristically metropolitan areas, including the Memphis suburbs in Mississippi. I feel there should be an additional 50 churches established during the Decade of Advance in new communities and in towns where there needs to be a second church."

He added, "It is our desire to offer assistance to every association, and Bro. Grissett will be giving special attention to those associations where we do not have a director of missions."



A MISSIONARY WITH DIRTY HANDS—Jean (Mrs. Carl F.) Ryther, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh, works with Bengali women and children planting a garden for the widowed women that live by this pond. The garden may do little to feed the country's entire 80 million people, but the ladies at the pond have been eternally impressed. (BP) photo.

## Ridgecrest Schedules Educators' Conference

NASHVILLE — For the first time, a conference designed especially for ministers of education will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Aug. 28.

According to Will Beal, church administrator consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the conference is designed to help ministers of education become the educators their churches want them to be.

"The minister of education is a professional and should be doing a professional job," said Beal. "As an educator, the minister of education selects curriculum, selects and trains workers, to meet the priority needs of the church program, motivates and leads people to be proficient in handling God's word, and helps lay people discover and cultivate their God given skills."

Topics for the week-long conference include "How to Plan, Organize, Supervise, Coordinate, and Evaluate a Church Educational Program"; "The Many Roles of a Minister of Education"; "How to Have Effective Direct Mail"; "The Minister of Education as a Specialist, Motivator, Change Agent, and Communicator"; "How to Develop a Church Brochure"; and "How to Put Out a First Class Church Newsletter."

In addition to Beal, Gerald B. Dunlap, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will serve as conference leader. Dunlap has served as minister of education of several Texas churches including Park Place Baptist Church and South Main Baptist Church, both in Houston,

and the First Baptist Churches of Kilgore and Tyler. He was also minister of education of First Baptist Church, Midwest City, Okla.

The "Ministers of Education Conference" is being held in conjunction with the Bible Preaching Conference. In addition to the education sessions, other sessions will feature skill development in church administration, pastoral ministries, family ministry, vocational guidance, deacon ministries, Day Care - Kindergarten, Baptist Heritage, associational clerk work, church secretarial work, and youth ministry leadership.

The Bible-Preaching Conference is designed for laymen and their family members, pastors, church staff members and deacons.

## Missouri Convention Names Interim Ed.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Miss Elene Stone has been designated interim editor of the Word and Way, official publication of the Missouri Baptist Convention, until a successor to W. Ross Edwards is elected and begins work.

Edwards retired July 1 after eight years as the Word and Way editor. Before joining the Word and Way in Nov., 1967, he had spent 40 years in the ministry, the last 20 as pastor of Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City. He is a former Missouri Convention president.

Miss Stone, a native of Jackson, Mo., has been on the Word and Way staff for 27 years — 20 years of that time as assistant to Editors H. H. McGinty and Edwards.

Rheubin South, the Missouri Convention's executive director, said she will continue as interim editor until Edwards' successor begins work.

## Home Board Names Two From Mississippi

ATLANTA (BP) — A new director of the department of interfaith witness and 20 new missionaries and missionary associates and one US-2 missionary were elected by Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors here.

The directors also accepted the resignations of three staff members.

Glenn Allen Igleheart, northern director for the department of interfaith witness since 1968, was named director of the department.

He succeeds M. Thomas Starks who resigned last December to join the faculty of Southwest-Missouri State University.

A native of Owensboro, Ky., Igleheart is a graduate of Murray State College and earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has done additional graduate study at Harvard University.

Igleheart has served several Kentucky churches as minister of music, assistant pastor and youth director and was pastor of Stewart's Creek Baptist Church, Lebanon, Ky., 1958-62, and Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, 1963-68.

Resignations were accepted from Dan C. McQueen, director

of the division of business services; Don F. Mabry, director of the department of survey and special studies; and from F. Russell Bennett, director of associational administration services.

Bennett, who has been with the Home Mission Board since 1967, has been named director of field education in the school of theology at Southern Seminary, also effective Aug. 1.

In other action, Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge reported gifts through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions had reached \$6,086,130 by June 4. "This is 25 percent ahead at this time of last year's fine offering," Rutledge said. He also reported funds from the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget were nearly eight percent ahead of last year.

Missionaries appointed include David and Brenda Myers of Canton, Miss., as director of Christian social ministries in Jackson, Miss.

Myers is a native of Jackson and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. Since 1973, he has been pastor of Center Terrace Baptist Church, Canton, Miss. Mrs. Myers, a native of North Carrollton, Miss., also is a graduate of Mississippi College.

## Kindergarten Workshops Scheduled



Mrs. Rouse Miss Martin

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ton and a graduate of Mississippi College. She has served as Director of Child Development Center of First Church, Fairview Heights, Ill., and at First Church, Clarendon, Arlington, Va. Mrs. Rouse is the author of Child Weekday Early Education Teacher's Guide, and has written other articles on every childhood education.

Miss Martin is a graduate of Jefferson Community College, Louisville, Ky., and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. She is an author and has conducted conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C., Glorieta, N. M.; and in many other states. Miss Martin is presently an instructor and director of the Child Care Center at Southern Seminary.

Adams serves as the consultant of preschool music in the Church Music Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. He has been a consultant since 1961 and previously served as minister of music in Baptist Churches. He is a well-known author of preschool musical activities.

Each of these people are well qualified to give new practical ideas and helps for good kindergarten learning experiences. This is the goal of every kindergarten teacher and the purpose of this meeting.

Each meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at the church for a cost of \$2. Reservations should be made with the state Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms 39205 by July 30.

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also being planned. These will be led by personnel from the Sunday School and Church Training Departments of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

President of the SWBREA is Bryant Cummings of the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department. Bernie Spooner, educational director of Fort Worth's Travis Avenue church is president-elect.

Registration for the SWBREA meeting is \$10. Interested persons should write Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Charles Winter at First Baptist Church, 300 South Center, Arlington, Texas, 76010.

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association has met every year since 1921 on the Southwestern campus when it was formed by Dr. J. M. Price. It is the oldest religious education association among Southern Baptists.

## "Bro. Joe" Canzoneri Passes

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States from Italy as a boy and settled first in Purvis. It was there that he was converted and dedicated his life to the ministry.

He graduated from Mississippi College in 1918 and attended Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth. He held pastorates at Bogue Chitto, Vanilla and Cruger in Mississippi and at Lebanon Junction in Kentucky, but it was in evangelistic work that he spent most of his years.

Following his retirement, Rev. and Mrs. Canzoneri moved to their Clinton home and they have been active in First Church of Clinton, where funeral services were held Monday. Interment was in Lake-wood Memorial Park, across from his home.

Survivors include his widow, the former Mabel Barnett; three sons, Joe G. Canzoneri, Jackson, George Canzoneri, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Bob Canzoneri, Westerville, Ohio; a daughter, Miss Antonina Canzoneri, Nassau, Bahamas; and nine grandchildren.

## Bonding Company Settles For Children's Home Loss

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)—The Illinois Baptist State Association has received checks totaling \$87,325.46 from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, as partial reimbursement for embezzlement of funds at the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi.

## Tenor Dean Wilder To Join William Jewell

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP) —Dean Wilder, a noted operatic tenor, will join the faculty of William Jewell College, a Baptist school here, in September as director of vocal instruction.

Wilder, who has sung with operatic bass-baritone Robert Hale in over 1,000 duet recitals (including many Baptist church and denominational gatherings), has professional operatic experience with the New York City Opera Company and the Goldovsky Opera Theatre. He has sung throughout the United States and all over the world.

Hale and Wilder performed at the Church Music Conference prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in June in Miami Beach and have previously sung at SBC annual sessions.

Wilder holds a bachelor of arts degree in voice from Cascade College, Portland, Ore., and a master's degree in music from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. He has studied at several other schools.

Since 1972, he has served as associate professor of voice and chairman of the department of voice at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. Before that he was a visiting lecturer at Boston University and fulltime member of the voice faculty at New England Conservatory of Music. He has also served as an artist-in-residence at both Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, and Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass.

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ably free from other potentially complicating questions, the high court still declined to issue a ruling, deciding instead to hear the case again next term. The likely explanation for the delay is that the court was so badly divided that a definitive decision, one which would establish a firm precedent, was impossible to reach. This, in turn, would seem to bode ill for those hoping for the banning of the death penalty, because it indicates, at the very least, that a strong minority of the justices are holding out in favor of execution.

A clearer example of this court's unwillingness to meet certain hard questions head-on is its posture on obscenity and pornography. Two years ago it issued a ruling in Miller v. California declaring that local communities may determine what is obscene for their own citizens. On the surface, that sounds reasonable enough.

What it really represented was a classic example of the non-decision the Burger court is prone to make. What, after all, constitutes local standard? The aftermath of that decision has been

predictable — an endless stream of appeals working themselves all the way to the high court, where, in turn, they must be considered one by one in a painfully time-consuming process.

In the wake of the ambiguous Miller decision, the court was forced during its latest term to declare that the stage production of "Hair" cannot be banned by local communities because it contains a nude scene and that drive-in theaters cannot be forbidden by a city to show films containing nudity when the screen is visible from streets or other public places.

This is not to say that the present court never makes momentous decisions. It has demonstrated, to the contrary, that it is capable of lucid opinions which will undoubtedly serve as strong precedents for future cases.

The most notable example during the recent term was Meek v. Pittenger, the case which successfully challenged Pennsylvania's massive aid to non-public schools scheme. That plan provided millions of dollars yearly to parochial schools in the state for "auxiliary services."

The high court's decision was the most definitive yet in this prickly, highly emotional field. The court declared that Pennsylvania's plan was squarely opposed to the First Amendment's prohibition of church-state entanglement. By a solid 6-3 majority, the court issued an opinion which will make it most difficult for state legislatures to circumvent constitutional arguments in seeking to pass such plans in the future.

The court was also called upon to stand by its highly controversial 1973 abortion decisions which declared that the state has no interest in the termination of pregnancy within the first trimester and only a limited interest during the second trimester. It did so, thereby reaffirming a courageous decision which should also stand up well for the foreseeable future.

Thus, the picture of the recent term is blurred. Despite a general tendency to avoid clearcut statements in some controversial areas, the court has nevertheless shown that it can do so in others. Civil libertarians can hope that as the four Nixon appointees to the high court gain seasoning those latter occasions will be more and more frequent.



# Yellowstone Bible Institute Prepares For Second Year

In an attempt to meet the needs for training vocational church workers and the more aggressive lay persons for the Lord's work in Montana and surrounding area, a group of Southern Baptist churches and individuals established a Bible Institute in Billings, Mt.

Night classes were started in September 1974 using college level curriculum from the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department. Twenty-four students enrolled in the spring semester. Mississippi College is cooperating with Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute to provide curriculum and faculty selection guidance. Dr. Charles E. Martin, MC's vice president for academic affairs, stated to the YBBI administration:

"We are cognizant of the fact that the curriculum of Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute has been developed in consultation with representatives of Mississippi College, that you will begin with doctorate-level faculty whose credentials compare favorably with those of Mississippi College faculty, and that any courses outside the fields of expertise of your faculty will be taken at an accredited college nearby. Therefore, credit earned at Yellowstone will be acceptable for transfer to Mississippi College from the beginning."

Officers and staff of the institute include Dr. Herbert G. Warren, President, Rev. Leland Hayes, Vice-president for development and promotion, and Dr. Howard Spell, dean and registrar. Dr. Warren, a native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and a deacon in Emmanuel Baptist Church of Billings, holds a Ph.D. from Mississippi State. He has been an educator in Montana for more than 10 years. Mr. Hayes was reared in Texas and has served as both minister of education and pastor. Dean Howard Spell, native of Mississippi, received his BA degree from Mississippi College and the Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. In 1967, Mississippi College, where he had served for 20 years as academic dean, honored him with the doctor of divinity degree.

YBBI will begin with one full-time faculty member, Dr. Lawrence B. Cobb, a native of Fargo, Okla. Dr. Cobb earned an AB

## Singles Conferences For Labor Day

NASHVILLE — Single adults attending Singles Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers over Labor Day weekend this year will be able to choose from 20 different special interest conferences.

The Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 conferences are planned especially for never married or formerly married persons 18 years of age and older. Leaders of singles classes and departments also will find helpful activities included in the conferences.

Cost for the Singles Conference is \$45 per person, based on double occupancy of a room with private bath. This includes registration, meals, room and insurance. The conference begins with the evening meal on Friday, Aug. 29, and closes after lunch on Sept. 1.

Persons wishing to register for the conferences should send \$15 each (part of the \$45) as soon as possible to Ken McAnear, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C., 28770, or Larry Haslam, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M., 87535.

## Miami Beach Restaurateur Likes Southern 'Sunshine'

MIAMI BEACH (BP)—A Miami Beach restaurateur is happy that Southern Baptists held their annual convention here in early June.

He backed up his feelings with a letter and a \$50 check in appreciation for the 16,212 elected messengers who descended on Miami Beach, June 9-12.

"Never, and I say never, has Miami Beach been so graced by the presence of people who emanate such sunshine and contentedness and just plain, happy, pleasant countenances," wrote Charles S. Kaufman of the Flame Steak House in a letter to John Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville.

"Especially, in such troubled times as we are now experiencing, does your... (denomination) shine forth," he said.

"Let me thank you and your group for the 'sunshine' they brought to Miami. I am enclosing a small check to be given to one of your favorite charities."

Williams said his favorite charity is the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in Miami Beach.

It'll be \$50 richer because of Charles Kaufman.



Mississippi Seminary Graduation

Mississippi Baptist Seminary graduated 130 candidates in ceremonies at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson. Addressing the congregation in the picture at left is Rev. Aaron Jones, chaplain of the seminary. Others in the photograph, left to right, are Dr. W. P. Davis, president emeritus of the seminary; Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, who delivered the commencement address; and Dr. W. T. Guice of Gulfport, president of the seminary alumni. In the photograph at right Rev. Pollard and Dr. T. B. Brown, president of the seminary, lead the procession into the auditorium.

## SS Material For Deaf Children To Be Published

NASHVILLE — Deaf children attending Southern Baptist Sunday Schools will have dated, ongoing curriculum materials published new every quarter beginning in October, 1976.

Robert G. Fulbright, supervisor of the children's section of the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, stated that these would be the only dated materials available for deaf children since none are published elsewhere.

## World Baptist Population Quarter Million Increase Reported

Baptists of the world increased in number this past year by 256,415, placing the total number of church members at 33,749,228, the Baptist World Alliance reported.

BWA General Secretary Robert S. Denny noted that this is an increase of 2.7 million since the Baptist World Congress in 1970 at Tokyo. That congress launched a World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ which was largely evangelistic.

The statistics were compiled by Carl W. Tiller, an associate secretary of the BWA. Tiller said the 33.7 million total is for baptized believers only. These are church members. He estimated the total Baptist community, including children of Baptist families and others with Baptist preference, is about 74 million.

This year's statistics counted churches for the first time. There are 138,281 such organized congregations, plus an additional estimated 15,000 preaching places or missions.

Among the eight regional areas

Region	Churches 1975	Membership 1975
North America	101,068	29,681,927
Asia	10,404	1,205,543
Europe	11,157	1,168,847
Africa	7,530	787,662
South America	4,470	512,379
Central America and Caribbean	1,572	199,042
Oceania	2,022	198,856
Middle East	38	1,542
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,281</b>	<b>33,749,228</b>

Tiller's report also listed the "top ten" countries in Baptist membership totals, which remain in the same sequence as a year ago:

Country	Churches 1975	Membership 1975
United States	90,272	25,482,493
India	6,205	760,653
Soviet Union	5,025	539,000
Brazil	3,417	442,217
Burma	2,733	308,085
United Kingdom	3,065	253,546
Zaire	1,015	246,469
Canada	1,477	199,506
Romania	1,037	160,000
Nigeria	834	146,339

The BWA count includes Baptist churches not affiliated with the Alliance, as well as its own constituency. The breakdown on this basis is:

Category	Churches 1975	Membership 1975
In Alliance member bodies	114,711	29,079,561
Outside the Alliance	23,570	5,669,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,281</b>	<b>33,749,228</b>

## Church Training Outlines New Program Priority

GLORIETA, N. M. — A new priority in Church Training—"Christian Discipleship," which will encompass the next three years in Southern Baptist life—has been unveiled here by Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church training department.

Speaking during the Church Training Leadership Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Harris said the emphasis in Church Training for the next three years will be "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place for Training Disciples."

The new thrust will be the spearhead for Church Training throughout the Southern Baptist Convention beginning with the 1976 church year and ending in 1979.

"The call to a Christian is the call to discipleship," Harris stated. "Discipleship is not an office reserved for certain Christians. Every Christian is a disciple."

"The end product of a sound Christian training program is a Christian disciple of high-quality performance. This is the objective of a new emphasis—to train church members and leaders to do the work of the church in the world."

According to Harris, the new priority will be divided into three one-year emphases—"Exploring Christian Discipleship," "Experiencing Christian Discipleship" and "Expressing Christian Discipleship." The church's mission is a three-dimensional responsibility according to the New Testament, said Harris.

The "upward" dimension is to praise and obediently relate to God. The "outward" dimension is to proclaim and confront the world with the message of the gospel.

Harris stated that the church also has a third mission, which may become "inward," which embodies "Equipping the People of God." This inreach dimension has to do with realizing the potential of redemption in the lives of persons within the church. This facet seeks to create the support and cooperation among the church fellowship that will result in growth of all persons within the church.

"The mission of the church is not the church's option—it is a mandate, a necessity," Harris stated. "It is the church's nature and destiny—to worship God, nurture Christians and witness to the world."

**First, Inverness:** July 20 - 25; regular services on Sunday; Monday through Friday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Jerry Mixon, Petal, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music evangelist; Rev. Millard Bennett, pastor.

**Bethlehem (Simpson):** July 20-25; services at 7:30 p.m. nightly; Rev. Hugh D. Rakestraw, Tupelo, evangelist; homecoming on July 20 with dinner on ground and fellowship in afternoon; Rev. Marvin L. Cox, pastor.

**Randolph Church (Pontotoc):** July 20-25; Rev. Buford Ury, pastor Westwood Church, Meridian, evangelist; Gerald Waldrop, local music evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Edward Pendergrast, pastor.

**Paul Truitt (Rankin):** July 20-27; Monday - Friday, 7:30 p.m.; services on Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Julius Thompson, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor.

**Union Church (Wathall):** July 27 - August 1; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and week-day at 7 p.m.; Homecoming beginning with morning services on Sunday and continuing with dinner on the grounds followed by singing and special music in the afternoon; Rev. Harold G. Wilson, pastor.

**Grace Memorial Church, Pica-yune:** July 20 - 25; Rev. Joe H. Royalty, of Jackson, visiting evangelist; Dickey Courtney of Pica-yune, song leader; Rev. J. R. Boutwell, pastor.

**Oak Grove, Smithdale (Amite):** July 28-Aug. 3; Rev. Howard Courtney, Zachary, La., evangelist; C. O. Stegall, Jr., Liberty, singer; Emalene Golmon, Oak Grove, pianist; 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; Sunday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m. and concluding with dinner on grounds; Rev. D. Ray Watts, pastor.

**Trinity Church, Rosedale (Bollivar):** July 27 - Aug. 1; Rev. Robert McDonald, pastor, Raymond Road Church, Jackson, evangelist; Joe Meurrier, minister of music and youth, Calvary, Cleveland, song leader, Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services 8 p.m.; Rev. Dale Wilson, pastor.

**Ebenezer Church, Senatobia:** July 20-25; Rev. Woodrow Young, pastor of Mount Moriah Church, Bruce, evangelist; Joe Meurrier, minister of music at Crowder Church, singer; Mrs. George Parker, organist; Mrs. Gerald Dye, pianist; Sunday services at regular time; weekday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor.

**Mt. Zion Church (Simpson):** July 20-25; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor First Church, Gautier, evangelist; Ronnie Ross, Calvary, Columbia, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; night services 7:30; Rev. Ben Carlisle, pastor.

**Cedar Grove Church, (Greene Co.):** July 20-25; Rev. Robert Jones, pastor Washington Church, evangelist; Curtis Reese, singer; Sunday services at regular time; weekday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. M. H. Walmon, pastor.

**Dry Creek Church, Preston:** July 20-25; Rev. Harold Scott, evangelist; services 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Jamie Hagwood, pastor.

## Revival Dates

**Mt. Moriah Church (Lincoln):** July 20-26. Evangelist, Rev. Granville Watson, pastor, Moorhead Church, Moorhead; Musician, Bruce Fields, M. C. student, Feriday, La. Homecoming - July 20, 11:00 and 1:15 services. Weekdays - 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Larry Barlow, pastor.

**Heuck's Retreat (Lincoln):** July 20-25; Rev. Byron Malone, pastor of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, evangelist; Gary Knapp, minister of music at Heuck's Retreat, singer; Rev. Victor C. Johnson, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m. and 10 a.m.; homecoming on July 20 with dinner on the grounds and afternoon singing.

**Crosby Church:** July 28-Aug. 3; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Berkeley Boyd, pastor at Diana, Texas, evangelist; O. C. Summers, music director from Fordouche, La., singer; Rev. Farrell McMorris, pastor.

**Pleasant Grove, Brookhaven:** July 20-25; Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, First Columbia, Evangelist; Don Brown, Minister of Music, First Hazlehurst, Music Director; Services at regular hours on Sunday with Dinner on the grounds; services at 7:30 each evening; Rev. Gerald Aultman, pastor.

**Northcrest, Meridian:** July 20-25; Rev. Scotty Teague, fulltime evangelist, Bossier City, La., evangelist; Jim Hess, music director of Highland, Meridian, singer; Rev. Chris C. Cornellius, pastor.

**Woolmarket (Gulf Coast):** July 20-25; Rev. Harry Gipson, evangelist; Rev. Russell Bradford, pastor and song leader.

**Mt. Vernon Church, Liberty:** July 20-25; Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; Monday - Friday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gary Berry, Taylorsville, evangelist; Rev. Tom Vassar, pastor at Mt. Vernon, singer.

**Clear Creek, Oxford:** July 20-25 Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; during week at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Dr. James Travis, chairman of Bible Department at Blue Mountain College, evangelist; Tommy Lane, minister of music at Bellevue, Memphis, for 27 years, singer; Rev. Kenneth McMillen, pastor.

**First, Charleston:** July 20 - 25; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. through Friday 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. J. Roy McComb, First Church, Pearl, evangelist; Steve Davis, LaBelle Place, Memphis, musician; Rev. Donald O'Quin, pastor.

**East Fork, Smithdale:** July 27-August 1; evangelist, Rev. James Yates, pastor, Yazoo City, 1st Church; music director, Jimmy Bamberg, of South McComb Church; dinner on grounds; services each evening at 7:30; Rev. George Bowers, pastor.

**First, Macon:** July 27-Aug. 1; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway, Jackson, evangelist; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; music to be presented by R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City; Rev. Hugh L. Poole, pastor.

**Oak Grove (Jeff Davis):** July 20-25; Rev. Z. Miller Freeman, Forest City, N. C., evangelist, services Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner at the church; weekday services at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. John E. Barrow, interim pastor and song leader.

**Sylvarena (Smith):** July 27-August 1; Rev. Dwight L. Young, pastor of Clintonville Church, Pontiac, Michigan, evangelist; Rev. William Ferrell, former missionary to Argentina for 21 years, Sylvarena pastor; Rocky Crocker, minister of music and youth.

**Fellowship (Choctaw):** July 27-August 1; Rev. George Jones, Valley Hill Church, Greenwood, evangelist; Rev. Willie T. Richardson, pastor.

**Humphreys County Revival Crusade at Humphreys Academy Stadium, Belzoni:** July 27 - Aug. 1; services at 8:00 p.m.; Dr. Howard Aultman, evangelist from First Church Columbia; Graham Smith, minister of music, Temple Hattiesburg, singer; Ed Sudduth, minister of music, Eastwood, Indiana, organist; Thad Pritchard, Calvary, Belzoni, pianist; sponsored by Humphreys County Association.

**Northside Church, New Albany:** July 20-25; regular Sunday services; Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Porter, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, Union County, evangelist; Tony Wilkerson, leading the singing; Rev. E. S. Hall, interim pastor.

**Gallman (Copiah):** July 20-25; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Vernon May, pastor of First Church, Louisville, evangelist; Bill Rice, minister of music and youth, Gallman, singer; Janie McAlpin, pianist; Rev. B. E. Padgett, pastor.

**Branch Church, Morton:** July 20-25; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor of Eastside Pearl, evangelist; James Netherland, FBC Pearl, song leader; regular services Sunday morning with lunch in fellowship hall and afternoon service at 2; Monday - Friday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. T. W. Henderson, pastor.

**Black Hawk (Carroll):** August 10-15; Rev. Harry McGuffee of Louisiana, evangelist; Rev. Luther Lindsey, pastor; services at 8 p.m.; homecoming to be August 3 with the Slatens in charge of the singing.



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## EDITORIAL

### The Better Way

Years ago when your editor was pastor in West Kentucky, some of the churches still were debating whether mission support should be through the Cooperative Program or through "direct" missions, with the churches sending mission gifts direct to the missionary on the field. The old "Landmark" and "Gospel Mission" arguments related to mission programs still were going on. A few of the churches were using the "direct" method, but even then we kept hearing reports of the difficulties of some of their missionaries in finding enough regular support to remain on their fields. Meanwhile, at that time, Southern Baptists were seeking to solve debt problems, and to undergird their mission programs through cooperative giving from the churches. We were convinced then, and now, forty years later are more certain than ever, that Southern Baptists, under God's direction, had found the better way. Cooperative giving in mission work was far better than the "direct" plan.

We were given new proof of this last week, when we heard missionary Guy Henderson of the Philippines relate some experiences on the mission fields in Korea, and later in the Philippines, where he and his wife now serve as Southern

Baptist missionaries. He told of how he and his wife were invited to be guests in the home of some "independent" missionaries, who received "direct" support from churches and individuals. They were graciously received, and had a delightful fellowship with these fellow Christian workers, but sensed that the wife in the home was very tired, as if she had been doing some arduous task. When they asked her about it, she told them that she had been busy writing, mimeographing, and addressing hundreds of letters which were to be sent to friends in America asking for support. She told them that she spent much of her time doing this, since this was the only way that they could receive enough funds to remain upon the field.

Mr. Henderson said that he remembered that Mrs. Henderson had been very busy too, but that her tasks had been in the mission work of the church and in witnessing. She did not have to spend a single minute in sending letters asking for support, since Southern Baptists cared for all of that for all of their missionaries, through the Cooperative Program.

Later, Mr. Henderson was talking to another missionary whose

support came from four churches back in the United States. The missionary was deeply disturbed, and not sure that he could remain on the field, since two of the churches had just written him that they no longer could support the work.

Bro. Henderson told of how he thanked God that he worked under a program which provided adequate and continued support, for not just one, but for thousands of missionaries. Those missionaries do not have to worry about having to beg for support, nor are they beset by fears that some church may change its mind and no longer send funds to them. When thousands of the churches join together in providing gifts for mission work, financial problems in one church, or a change of attitude on the part of another, does not upset the program. Because of the strong undergirding of Southern Baptist missions by thousands of cooperating churches, the missionaries continue to do the job God has called them to do, without worry, and without pleas for finances.

This is just one of the many reasons, that the Cooperative Program, is such an outstanding plan of mission work, and why it deserves the continued and increased backing of every church.

### Dr. Frank Tripp

In the sea of life, the tides sometimes sweep certain individuals to the top, so that they stand out above their fellows. This is true in every day life; it is true in denominations.

Dr. Frank Tripp, who died last week in Montgomery, Alabama, was one of those men. He had risen to a place of recognition and leadership among his fellow Southern Baptists.

He had been outstanding in pastoral ministry, serving some great churches in more than one state, but had spent much of his life in denominational service.

He first came to be known widely among Southern Baptists by his proposal of, and then leadership of the "Hundred Thousand Club." For those of the younger generations, who do not know what that was, it was a movement to raise money to pay Baptist debts during the days of depression. It was in the year 1933 when the whole Southern Baptist program was weighted down by heavy debt, and the depression made relief seemingly impossible,

that this pastor from Missouri, proposed to the executive committee that an effort be made to enlist 100,000 Southern Baptists who would give "one dollar per month" to pay the debts. There was much debate when the proposal reached the convention but the program was adopted. Dr. Tripp was asked to be the leader, and for three years he went all over the convention territory promoting the plan. Under his leadership, even in those difficult times, thousands of persons were enlisted and the dollars began to roll in. The total goal of 100,000 never was reached, but many thousands did join, and the clouds began to move away. By 1943 every debt had been paid. If Frank Tripp had never made another contribution to Southern Baptist life, he would be remembered for this one.

However, this was not all. Later he was called from the pastorate in Montgomery to be the Administrator of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and then to direct the Southern Baptist Hospital Com-

mission which helped establish hospitals in other cities. Perhaps Dr. Tripp's greatest permanent contribution was in this field, for the great institutions which stand today are in part monuments to his vision and leadership.

We remember more than one story that he told, but one little always will stay with us. Dr. Tripp was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, and went to visit in the country, an aged relative, whose knowledge of churches was limited to part time or quarter time country churches. He asked Dr. Frank about his pastoral work, and was told of his pastorate of First Church, Montgomery. The old man waited a moment for him to say more, and then said, "Well Frank, ain't you got but one church?"

No, Dr. Frank Tripp did not have at that time but one church, but he was a man whose ministry reached far beyond that church and others he served. He will be remembered as one who left deep footprints in Southern Baptist history.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**APPLYING THE GOSPEL** by William M. Pinson, Jr. (Broadman, \$1.95, 142 pp.) This book was commissioned by the Christian Life Commission and written by Dr. Pinson, professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Seminary. Copies of it have been mailed to all pastors, associate pastors, ministers of education, student directors, state convention leaders, home and foreign missionaries and more than 7,000 deacon chairmen. Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the CLC, says, "This book seeks to present practical ways of doing the gospel and its focus is upon how Christians can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In an age characterized by sin and despair, this is a book of hope." The first chapter shows the Bible's clear concern for the community and the total society. Then it points out ways to arouse church member interest and to do specific Christian social actions.

**A QUEST FOR VITALITY IN RELIGION** by Findley B. Edge (Broadman, paper, \$2.95, 251 pp.) Being a Christian is more than being a church member. Commitment to Christ is a continuing experience rather than an institutional loyalty. It calls for authentic personal faith. But it must grow in community—being enriched and led to minister. Here is the thrust of this book—helping persons and churches toward "vitality in religion." (The author teaches religious education at Southern Seminary.)

**SURVIVAL KIT FOR THE STRANDED** by William L. Self, with Carolyn Self (Broadman, 139 pp., \$4.95) This is an honest appraisal of dilemmas people face—illness, guilt, mental illness, loneliness, fear, despair, etc. People who suffer usually feel stranded and isolated. The purpose of this book is to help people grapple with what they face every day.

**PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL** by Alton H. McEachern (Convention Press, Paper, 144 pp., \$1.25) The fourth in a series of books relating to pastoral ministries, this sets forth guidelines for preparation, delivery, and evaluation of sermons.

**BAPTISTS WHO SHARED A NATION** by O. K. Armstrong and Marjorie Moore Armstrong (Broadman, paper, 123 pp., \$1.95) In a lively narrative style these two well-known writers tell of conditions and conflicting forces at work in our nation's early days and how five Baptists influenced them: John Leland, Roger Williams, John Clarke, William Screven, and Isaac Backus. They worked for religious freedom.

**THE LIFE GIVERS** by W. O. Thomason (Broadman, 124 pp., \$3.50).

The author is an executive at the Sunday School Board. In this book he reveals his discovery of the influences others had on his life, and his responsibility toward others. This might be called a study of Christian influence and its meaning.

**POSITIVE POWER FOR SUCCESSFUL SALESMEN** by Bill Glass, Garry Kinder, Jack Kinder Jr. and William Arthur Ward (Update-Crescendo, 208 pp., \$4.95).

Dozens of short, pointed chapters on selling classified under several headings. The general divisions are 1. Correct Mental Attitude; 2. Salesman at Work; 3. Championship Salesmanship; 4. Professional Salesmen Know More; 5. The Whole Man in Salesmanship. These are short, pithy talks which should challenge and aid any salesman, but also should prove enriching and inspiring to Christian leaders and others seeking to "sell" Christianity and the message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE HAL LINDSEY PLANET EARTH BEST SELLERS:** The Late Great Planet Earth, Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth, and the Liberation of Planet Earth, all in paperback and boxed (Zondervan, 3 vols. boxed, \$8.15).

Here are the Lindsey books on the Second Coming of Christ, on Satan, and on the book of Revelation, grouped together as a trilogy, and attractively boxed. Millions of copies of these books have been sold, and the readers will find them fascinating and enlightening.

**GROWING A LIFE TOGETHER** by Fred M. Wood (Broadman, 125 pp., \$2.95 trade, \$1.25 BRP) Here is a profile of a joyful marriage—from the dating years through the harvest years. This excellent book was written in the hope that it might help both youth and adults in making their marriage "an exciting adventure of faith and a creative experience of joy."

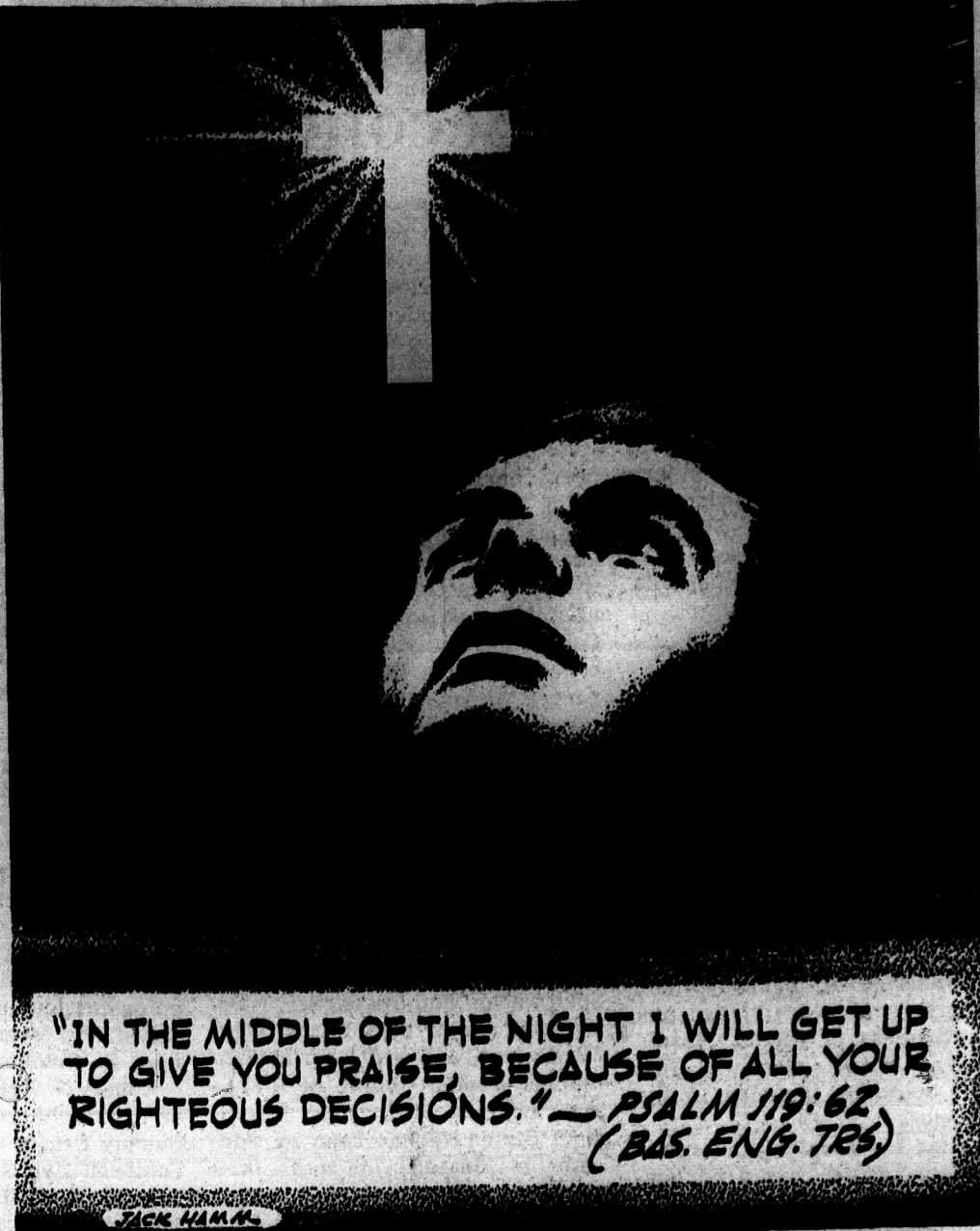
**THE PEOPLE BUILDER** by E. Stanley Williamson (Broadman Press, 152 pp., \$4.95) Fifteen sermons grounded in the Bible and dealing with stewardship and other aspects of Christian living.

**HOLY BIBLE** (Broadman, 1078 pp., \$3.95) Broadman Press has released an edition of pew Bibles matching the 1975 edition of Baptist Hymnal, in size and color. King James Version.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS 1975-76** by William J. Falls (Broadman, paper, \$1.50, 218 pp.) A pocket commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series, this book will be reprinted in condensed form, in weekly sessions in the Baptist Record.

**STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS**, July-September, 1975 by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention, paper, 128 pp., \$1.65) This book contains expository treatment of each focal passage in the Life and Work Bible studies for this quarter.

**LIVING PEACEFULLY** (Loiseaux, \$2.50, 255 pp.) is a practical approach to the book of First Peter, showing that the epistle is an excellent source of peace and comfort for all who are perplexed and troubled. **LIVING OBEDIENTLY** (Loiseaux, \$2.25, 190 pp.), a study of Jonah, relates the importance of living obediently, and tells how to claim victory over self-will. **LIVING VICTORIOUSLY** (Loiseaux, \$1.95, 129 pp.), in a short, clear study of Philippians, presents the key to a life of personal victory in spite of adverse circumstances. All three books in this series were written by Dr. J. Allen Blair, di-



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Dear Dr. Odle:

I want to take this means of trying to say thank you to you for your note in the Record concerning my illness. And try in some small way to express my appreciation to all the many people for their hundreds of prayers and phone calls and cards and their many gifts. There is really no way to put this gratitude in words.

Really, the many wonderful letters and phone calls and comments concerning my work have made me feel extremely humble and unworthy. I almost feel like a hypocrite knowing that I have not been anyway near the servant of the Lord that so many people seem to think. But I covenant with the Lord and with them to try harder to find the complete will of the Lord for my life and let it be His life henceforth.

I am now back at home and feel that I am doing exceptionally well, since I am able to be up and to do some walking.

Sincerely,  
J. D. Lundy

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**YOUTH VIEW OF THE ELDERLY** — Old people are not as different as young people tend to think, according to a survey by the Harris organization. Older people were found to consider themselves alert, able to work, functioning well and not living wasted lives. Younger people tended to believe old people sleep and sit around a lot, find loneliness and poor health serious problems and have a hard time staying busy. Actually, survey responses indicated, such characteristics were true for only a minority of older people, a percentage not much higher than among those under 65. (Memphis Mirror All-Church Press, June 20, 1975)

**POPULATION** — "The nation's fertility rate hit a record low in 1974. It's under the level where population replaces itself, long term. Yet, the country is expanding by more than 1.5 million people a year. That's because of immigration and the unusually large number of women of child-bearing age. Upshot is that U. S. will keep growing for years — maybe indefinitely. Youth boom, though, is near its peak. Persons 14 to 24 now make up 21 percent of the population. Their numbers will increase through 1980, but by then they will be only 20 percent of the total — dropping to 18 percent by 1985." (From Tomorrow Newsgram, U. S. News & World Report, June 9, 1975)

rector of Glad Tidings, Inc., sponsoring a radio ministry and New Life Bible Conferences.

**THE PRO & CON BOOK OF RELIGIOUS AMERICA**, a Bicentennial Argument by Martin E. Marty (Word Books, \$6.95) In this bicentennial argument, Mr. Marty explores what is right and wrong with religious America. Designed as a "flip-over" book, this volume gives the reader an opportunity to view both sides of the question.

**MAKE GOD YOUR FRIEND** by Carol Williams (Zondervan, paper, \$1.25, 89 pp.) In clear and meaningful language, the author indicates, from her own experience, how easy it is to talk to God as though He were your best friend.

**Light for Living**  
Chester E. Swor

#### More About Example

The mothers of nine year old boys in an Annapolis church had difficulty in persuading the boys to attend properly to their hair, dress, and shoes before attending Sunday School on Sunday. Then, suddenly, the pattern of their behavior in this regard changed: the boys spent more time in dressing, they were meticulous in getting their hair combed properly, they worked on their shoes until they literally gleamed with a gloss, and they wouldn't think of going to church without ties. Why this sudden transformation? It surely couldn't be that the entire class of boys had suddenly fallen into teen-age love with nine year old girls, since the boys were only nine!

The explanation of the transformation came when the mothers learned that a Midshipman from the Naval Academy had become the Sunday School teacher of the nine year old boys class; and, since he was somewhat of a hero to the boys, they wanted to be like him, even in immaculate neatness of dress. What the mothers had not accomplished through lecturing, begging, and even threatening had been achieved through the dynamic influence of an admirable person.

That episode puts us in remembrance of the classic line from an American poet: "I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day." Without disagreeing with the poet's sentiments, we can add: hearing sermons can surely help, but it is true that the power of example will touch some people who will not listen to sermons!

All of us may well take some time today to ask ourselves some pertinent questions: "What are the strengths and qualities of my life which other people could copy and thereby become stronger. . . . What are the qualities of my life which I could not want anyone else to copy. . . . If my life as I have been living it were to be taken as a sermon, would the listeners lookers be impressed to improve their lives?"

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Divorce is the hash made from domestic scraps.

The truth does not hurt unless it ought to.

Many people do not know what education could do for them because they have never tried it.

We are punished not for our mistakes, but by them.

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# The Genesis Of Group Giving

By James L. Sullivan  
NOTE: This is the last in a six-part series written by Dr. James L. Sullivan, who has recently retired as president of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Sullivan is a native of Mississippi.

Baptists by tradition has reserved the right to designate their gifts to and through the churches.

This is right. By this means the donor can be sure that his gifts will not be used for something violating his conscience, or promoting something to which he is opposed. With our priesthood of the believer concepts as Baptist people it could be no other way. This practice is correct and should be preserved.

At the same time, there is a better way to carry out group sup-

port of church projects through group participation than by each designating his gifts. The right to designate, like all rights, can be abused also.

It stands to reason that if 100 members of a church congregation all designated their gifts to each cause in which he had personal interest, the bookkeeping processes would bog down under the sheer details of impossible record keeping. Too, the giving would tend to be based more on emotions than needs, and on heart appeal rather than the cost of operating individual causes involved. For instance, children's homes have more emotional appeal and would tend to get much more money than Baptist colleges, when colleges are more expensive to construct and maintain.

Logic would say that giving would come out at essentially the same place, with perhaps a little more intelligent giving, if the 100

people of the local church congregation would meet in advance in a business meeting and decide together ahead of time how their individual contributions would be divided. Some would champion one cause as their favorite. Others would speak for other causes. In the end all causes would have their merits presented. On the basis of the presentations, the group could decide in advance on the most satisfactory way to share the funds to support the worthy causes involved. Such planning would come out at essentially the same place as far as dollars and cents are concerned. It would be much more economical to promote. It would be simple to record.

This is the theory behind a church's unified budget. It is also the rationale behind the Cooperative Program. It is the logic behind our group giving as we practice it. We tend to take the system of unified church budgets for

granted today, forgetting the difficulties our fathers faced before it was developed. Indeed some of us can remember when perforated envelopes were used so that how he wanted his money to go Sunday by Sunday as he gave through use of the church's offering plate.

The way of pure designation may magnify the importance of the giver, but it is expensive and difficult. It is a bunglesome way of record keeping and denominational financing. Giving on an undesignated basis into a unified budget magnifies the church instead of the individual giver and declares the confidence of the donor in the sincerity and commitment of the congregation of which he is a part.

When our various Baptist conventions meet in annual session to discuss budgets after intensive study and analysis by a previously selected small committee in advance, his decisions are far more

apt to be valid and balanced. Recommendations are made on the basis of the causes involved and the needs of everyone insofar as contributions can meet those needs. Not only is there a better balance in giving, but the record keeping is simplified. All the worthy causes of the church are involved as one participates in undesignated giving to his church Sunday by Sunday.

Many of us have found that the best system is to tithe Sunday by Sunday through the church budget on an undesignated basis, and to designate individual gifts given over and above the tithe. When the Bible refers to tithes and offerings, it perhaps had such a plan in mind. Anyway, it is a good and proven practice, worthy in its goals, simple in its operation, and rewarding to the faithful stewards who have found giving a joy and yet want each gift to be worthily used for in a maximum way for God's glory.



Mrs. M. D. Reagan presents a check to Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation to establish a memorial to her late husband. The memorial is in the nature of a trust agreement.

## Mrs. Reagan Establishes Trust In Husband's Name

By Carey E. Cox  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

Mrs. M. D. Reagan has presented a check to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, and has signed a trust agreement establishing a memorial to her beloved husband, M. D. Reagan, business, civic and religious leader of Leake County. Mr. Reagan made his home in Carthage and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He served his church in many capacities but his special interest to which he gave both his time and money was mission work especially the Pioneer Missions emphasis of the Brotherhood Department and served in Laymen's Crusade in Arizona, Montana, Hawaii and Spain.

Though his earthly walk has ceased his works continue through the "Mack D. Reagan Memorial Trust" for Pioneer Mission Work. The income from this trust will be sent to the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, and the area of work to be helped will be selected by the Brotherhood Commission cooperating with a committee composed of E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board or his successor or successors in office, serving as chairman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Carthage, and James Thomas, Carthage, Mississippi.

The Trust Agreement also provides that "Trustor, friends of the Trustor and other persons interested in the purpose of this trust may add to it in any amount at any time."

## Pascagoula Church Plans Anniversary

Jackson Avenue Baptist Church of Pascagoula is having Homecoming on July 20. A former pastor and director of Home of Grace, Bill Barton, will preach the sermon in the morning worship hour.

Charter members, former members, and new members will be recognized in the morning service.

Dinner on the grounds will be served at noon, followed by a gospel sing, featuring the Jacksonaires from Pascagoula and the Rejoice Singers from Biloxi. The Gospel Sing will close the day's activities.

Marionettes (puppets) are being used to tell the stories of Jesus' last week to the staff and patients of the Gaza Baptist Hospital. Southern Baptist missionary Kenneth R. Mullican Jr., with a group of local believers, recently presented a series of five programs using marionettes in traditional Arab dress, tapes and filmstrips.

## Women's Lib--A Mess Of Pottage

By Penny Douglas

Womanhood (the distinguishing qualities of a woman) is being flagrantly shoved by some toward masculinity which I strongly feel is attempting to move woman-kind from a prime pedestal, a position intended by her Creator, to a common and subordinate niche in modern society. The channel through which the force is operating is mainly the Women's Liberation Movement.

Among my claims for this accusation is that God created woman as man's helper and companion. Genesis 3:16 states that God said to Eve, the first woman, "... You shall bring forth children... yet your desire shall be for your husband, he shall rule over you." Later in the same discourse God told Adam, the first man, that his means of support would be by the sweat of his brow. There is a distinct and different role for the male and female laid down by their Creator in Genesis 2 and 3.

The term "rule" obviously is not in the sense of lord and slave for woman was made from Adam's rib, a part taken from his side, not from his feet, to be trampled upon, not from his head to be her dictator, but from his side where she could be protected by his arms and near his heart. The design in bodily creation (that of the same substance, and side by side) is symbolic of equality from this viewpoint. Completing the unit was by the union of man and woman, which institutes the home. Man's appointment to rule as head of the unit is scriptural.

Through eons of time and the masses of cultures, woman-kind has served in possibly every facet embraced by civilizations from tribal savagery, across barbarism, to our present day. Still she survives and human nature unchangeable, she shall continue to survive.

Until Christianity appeared woman-kind had had little consideration other than as chattel or that of a slave. After Christianity began its spread, woman's position gradually elevated and was slowly recognized as being worthy. Civilization, as we know it,

moved westward and her contributions to the country's development were needed. History has not revealed periods when women sought to relinquish their home responsibilities for a life in public among men. The Creator of mankind has not changed. She is to bear children. The man is to earn the living by the sweat of his brow. To do so oftentimes he must be away from home at intervals, so the mother's responsibility is to care for the children and look after the household.

Human offsprings are helpless creatures which require constant care in early life. No better plan is given than the tenderness provided under a loving mother's watchful eyes. Children need security. This is best accomplished in a home with both parents. Negative emotional effects mark children otherwise brought up. My thirty-five years' teaching substantiates this fact for me. Children need to develop physically, mentally, socially, emotionally and spiritually if they are well rounded and fully adjusted to meet life head-on. The mother is mainly responsible for them, and for their welfare. She was honored when given such privilege by her Creator as that of having a child.

In American society woman is the backbone of the American home, which appears today to be slowly disintegrating. Could it possibly be that woman-kind's sense of values has been upset by surrounding pressures to the extent that her sense of reasoning has become faintly dimmed? Is that why some women crave to leap from the honored position of homemaking to seek a place of service in the military, in economic or political life? Is that why they want to toss away their femininity and trample the genteel respect of the opposite sex so they might claim equality in public life among men? Is it a selfish crave for womanpower generated by some previous frustrating encounter with a man and along the avenue of woman's lib she feels it will be her opportunity to get even?

The Creator planned a different role in which genuine patience, unlimited labor and love are es-

entials. There will be sacrifices to make. Priorities must be chosen with the family's welfare first. These require effort—great effort and diligence! With glaring calls from professions and industry for help, with attractive monetary offers competing, resistance to go weakens. To do so is shirking her God-given role and lessening her children's training potentials toward strong qualities so desperately needed for tomorrow's leadership.

With the exception of those women who for economic reasons are compelled to support themselves, their aged parents, or half-orphaned children, I strongly feel the place for a woman is in her home. She will find fulfillment and happiness. No contributions to her community, state or nation could she make that would excel rearing a family who can take their places as leading citizens.

The buzzing libbers with their push for the Equal Rights Amendment of recent months are to be compared to the biblical story of the famished brother, Esau, who sold his valuable birthright for a mess of pottage because he craved something temporarily, but of no permanent value. Had he stopped and considered the gain he would have acted differently, the familiar story implies. Hastily he ate and later regretted the action. His blessing was missed.

As America is threatened by a crumbling and weakening society politically, morally, and perhaps economically, a cry for more and more stronger homes rings out! A challenge for all Women's Libbers is to forget the temporary yearning for the Equal Rights Amendment and reappraise your purpose and place as originally proclaimed. This is our shining hour! Heed Esau's fate! Let us not rush into a change which will ultimately lower our exalted position. Let's cease from striving for a way of life which future generations will consider abolishing because mothers and grandmothers failed to encourage the better sense of values. Help build strong American homes! Help keep America great! Women's Liberation won't do it! Genesis 2 and 3 is a priority guide. Think now!

"Preaching is God's chief means of getting the message out," said Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. "There are many methods of preaching and when we have an opportunity to communicate the Gospel by any means we should seize it. Broadcasting is an important method of reaching people."

## The Beginning Of Ebenezer Church Of Amite County

By R. A. McLemore

The oldest official records of a Baptist church in Mississippi have been made available to the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission through the courtesy of the membership of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Amite County, Rev. M. E. Causey, the pastor of the church, and Mrs. Velma White, the church clerk.

The records date from May 9, 1806. On this date "John Courtney, Mark Cole, Hannah Cole, Mary Curtis from Coles Creek (Salem) Church of this Territory, Batson Morgan, Elizabeth Morgan, from Black Creek Church, S. Carolina, Reece Perkins from Welch Neck Church, S.

Carolina, James Munford, Ezra Courtney, Elizabeth Courtney, from Ebenezer Church, S. Carolina, Sarah Chance from Bark Camp Church, Georgia" met to organize a church. They were assisted in the organization by ministers Richard Curtis and Thomas Mercer, and by laymen James Courtney from South Carolina, Jonathan Curtis from Cole's Creek Church, and Isaac Jackson of Mississippi Territory.

The eleven charter members of the Ebenezer Church were active in the establishment of the Baptist faith. The number of the members of the church increased rapidly. They appointed from

their number Ezra Courtney, Mark Cole, Batson Morgan, James Munford, and Reece Perkins to attend a meeting at Cole's Creek for the purpose of organizing the first Baptist association in the Territory. They elected Laban Bacot as church clerk and Hardy Brian a deacon. They also invited Rev. Richard Curtis and Rev. Thomas Mercer to visit Ebenezer on "Friday before the first Sunday in July 1806" for the purpose of ordaining Ezra Courtney to the gospel ministry. Courtney was probably the first Baptist minister to be ordained in the Mississippi Territory. He became the first pastor of the Ebenezer church.



## Bicentennial Campus

Mississippi College is the first college or university in the state to be designated as a Bicentennial Campus by the Mississippi Bicentennial Commission during ceremonies. Shown with the flag that was presented to fly over the campus are, from the left, Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college; Mrs. Ann Parkman, project officer, Bicentennial Commission, who made the presentation; Mrs. Ada Sumrall, chairperson for the 200th Anniversary Committee on campus; and Congressman Thad Cochran, guest speaker for the occasion. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampey)



## Silver Service Given To Sadlers Complete Clinical Training

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Sadler and daughter, Shanti, were honored June 22 at First Church, Boyle.

At the close of the service, Brown Ryle, Sr., chairman of deacons, presented the minister and family a silver coffee and tea service in behalf of the church. The gift was in appreciation of ministry by the Sadlers during the past three years.

Following a luncheon in Carraway Hall, members and guests adjourned to the sanctuary for the afternoon program.

Words of appreciation were given by Rev. Jimmy Breland, Baptist Student Union director from Delta State University. Rev.

Odis Henderson, director of missions of Bolivar Association, issued words of appreciation for Mr. Sadler's work on the association level, which includes offices of vice-moderator and Chairman of Finance Committee.

A fellow pastor, Rev. Jimmy Dukes from Calvary, Cleveland, gave words of appreciation for Sadler as co-laborer.

Rev. R. B. McNeer, pastor of Alexander Memorial Church in James, expressed appreciation of Mr. Sadler as a friend.

Special guests for the day were Mr. Sadler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sadler of Bentonla, and Mrs. Sadler's mother, Mrs. Crayton Terry of Florence.

## Church "Rec" Conference Termed Success At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C. — More than 2,800 persons from across the Southern Baptist Convention journeyed to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here for the only Church Recreation Leadership Conference to be held at the conference centers this summer.

The week's conference leaders were as varied as the conference topics. The leadership included Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss., as worship leader and Larry Black, minister of music at the same church, as music director.

The Bible study leader for the week was Gene Watterson, pastor of First Church, Shelby, N. C. Grady Nutt, famed Christian entertainer, gave a one-night performance, Americo Caramuta, piano virtuoso from New Egypt, N. J., rounded out the leadership along with a host of the denomination's most creative church recreators.

The program featured presentations of "Christ in the Concrete City," performed by a group from First Church in Nashville, Tenn., and "Share," a new musical by Bob Burroughs and Ed Seabough, performed by the conference

choir, composed of "Rec" week participants.

Church Recreation Leadership Conferences will be held the summer of 1976 at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers. Dates for the conferences are June 5-11 at Glorieta and June 13-18 at Ridgecrest.



## Four Corners Organizes As Church

Four Corners Mission, west of Bozeman, Montana, was organized as a church on Sunday, May 11, with 34 charter members, 13 of whom were baptized on that Sunday morning. Almost all those baptized are adults and native Montanans. The mission, begun in 1972, has been under sponsorship of First Church, Three Forks, Rev. Roger Hill, pastor. They called Rev. Joe Bolin as pastor. Since the beginning of the mission, 47 churches, many associations, and individuals from ten states and one foreign country have joined hands to support it and build its building. Mississippians helping have included First Church, Greenville, and Clarke and Wayne Associations.



# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Reaches Total Of \$439,639.23

The gifts to Home Missions Week of Prayer are listed through June 30 with 1137 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$439,639.23


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**Rev. Billy Ray McClellan** has resigned the pastorate of Rome Church, Rome, Mississippi, effective September 1, 1975, and plans to enter the field of full-time evangelism. From Moorhead, he married June Boyer of Sunflower. They have three children. He attended Mississippi Delta JC and MC, and worked as a policeman. Ordained in 1972, he has served as pastor of two churches — Pleasant Ridge at Durant and Rome. His address is Box 129, Rome, MS 38768.

**Miss Dann Stampley**, missionary to Ghana, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 220 Edge Wood Terrace, Apt. 13, Jackson, Miss. 39206). She is a native of Bentonla. She was formerly elementary director, First Church, Jackson.

**Mr. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore**, missionaries formerly stationed in Vietnam, are currently in Hong Kong (address: 160 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). He is a native of Meridian.

**Rob Gwaltney**, second year student at **Clarke College** has accepted a call as associate pastor of **First Church, Mascoutah, Illinois**. **Mr. Gwaltney** is the son of **Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Gwaltney** of **Trenton, Illinois**. **Rev.**



**David Turner**, native of **Pontotoc**, is pastor of the **Mascoutah church**.

**First Church, New Albany,** ordered **Danny Estes** to the ministry at the request of **De- lay Church** where he is serving as pastor. **Rev. W. F. Evans,** pastor of **First Church,** brought the charge to **Danny, Dr. James Travis** the charge to the church, and **Rev. E. S. Hall** presented the Bible. **Danny** is married, to **Margret Greer**


# Names In The News

**Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert**, missionaries to Ecuador, may be addressed at Mision Bautista, Pto Francisco de Orellana (Coca), Nororiente, Ecuador.

**Regina Simpson, 16,** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Simpson, surrendered to the music ministry during a recent service at Hanging Moss Church, Jackson. Miss Simpson will be a sophomore at Calloway High School in 1976. Upon graduation from high school, she intends to pursue a degree in music in a Baptist College. Presently she is involved in all the services at Hanging Moss Church. Dr. Paul Wilson is pastor.

**Rev. Richard Frees** is the new pastor of East Howard Church, Biloxi. He was called to preach while a member of East Howard Church while serving in the Air Force. He has now come back to pastor the church.

**Big Creek Church (Wayne)**  
has licensed **Edward G. James** to the gospel ministry.



Mr. James, long-time resident of Wayne County, is married to the former Mary Louise Hinton. They have three children:

Debbie 14; Detria 12; Douglas 6. Mr. James is available for pulpit supply and can be reached at Route 1, States Line, Miss. or phone 648-2678.

Rev. Franklin McLelland is Ritz Creek pastor.

**Mrs. Jay Chance** has resigned as Director of Childhood Education and the Child Enrichment Center at Union Avenue Church, Memphis. She plans to complete studies on a doctor-

ate in early childhood education at Mississippi State University. She has accepted a similar position at First Church, Starkville, and also will work as an administrative staff member at East Mississippi Junior College.

**James Richard Joiner, presently of Baton Rouge, La., has been named** assistant professor of music at Campbellsville College, a senior liberal arts Baptist college in Campbellsville, Ky. Originally from Natchez, and

a graduate of MC, he was minister of music at Raymond Church, 1962-64.

**Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Phlegar**, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City, Miss.). She is the former Barbara Ann Carley of Yazoo City.

**Kate Durham Morgan** of Jackson is author of an article concerning Christian marriage, printed in the June issue of *The Lamp* a publication of the Mississippi Association of Life Underwriters.

Two Mississippians are among 160 volunteers this summer with the Christian Service Corps of the Home Mission Board. The CSC is a ministry designed to involve lay people, men and women, in mission service on a volunteer (without pay) basis. Mrs. Velma Haney of Aberdeen will work at Plymouth, Indiana, and Mrs. Annie Smith of Poplarville will work at Camp Tellico, Tennessee.



# Overcoming Hindrances To Growth

By William J. Fallis  
Acts 10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;  
2 Corinthians 4:7-16

Last Sunday's lesson proved that to become like Christ is the goal of Christian growth. If knowing where you are going is half the race, we ought not to have much trouble overcoming hindrances. But because the goal is above the "merely human level," some enemies inside us do get in the way. Some we recognize and discipline ourselves to handle them. But others are not so obvious; they are in our minds, are wrapped up in our self-image, and often prevent or delay our growth. Even after the Christians gets rid of worldly habits and attitudes, these inner hindrances can still interfere with his becoming the person God intended him to be. Although Paul the missionary pointed them out for this lesson, they can impede the layman as well as the minister.

The Lesson Explained  
**OVERCOMING FEAR WITH GOD'S POWER** (1 Cor. 2:1-5)  
When Paul wrote I Corinthians,

it was not divided into chapters and verses. If you will look back at chapter 1 and read from verse 18, you can see that our lesson passage is a pointed application of the argument in 1:18-31. The cross was foolishness to those "who are perishing," but it was the power of God to those who are saved. He who depends upon man's wisdom will be disappointed, but he who depends upon the cross — what the world calls God's foolishness — will be vindicated.

So, in these five verses Paul recalled his witness in Corinth. He had not used sophisticated oratory or clever reasoning to declare the message of the cross. Instead, he spoke simply and directly. Some think this was in contrast to his approach in Athens, but except for his effort to catch the attention of the philosophers, he also preached in Athens the gospel of Jesus and the resurrection. Perhaps it was the wickedness of the great commercial city that caused him to have weakness, fear, and much trembling. Whatever the problem, his reaction must have been real. Acts 18:9 tells how the Lord encouraged him in a vision there. Despite his fear, Paul did not resort to "skillful words of human wisdom" (TEV) but depended up-

on the Spirit to empower his message of Jesus and the cross.

**RISKING SELF IN GOD'S CONTROL** (2 Cor. 4:7-11)

In his second letter to the church at Corinth Paul came to the same theme of trusting in the power of God. In this passage we begin with the famous statement: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." In other words, God has entrusted the glorious gospel to mortals as fragile as clay pots "to show that the supreme power belongs to God, not to us" (TEV). Then Paul listed some of the ways God delivered his witnesses from disaster, and some of the words suggest the experienced of the fighting soldier. A modern translation of verses 8-9 will make them come alive.

Paul's hardships and narrow escapes from death represented his fellowship in Christ's dying. At the same time, his deliverance proved the power of the resurrection in his own body. Thus, even in life, the disciple is continually surrendering himself to death — or is really willing to die for Jesus' sake — so that the life of Jesus can be seen in our bodies. Paul showed it in his relationships and ministry.

**LIVING BY THE RESURRECTION** (2 Cor. 4:13-18)

When Paul quoted Psalm 118:10 to back up his own compulsion to speak from his belief, he felt the "same spirit of faith," and the word probably "means not attitude but the Holy Spirit," says Dr. George R. Beasley-Murray. What he is compelled to declare is "that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us also with you." That is the resurrection — first of Christ and then of all who trust him.

In verses 15-16 Paul saw everything working for the benefit of the Corinthians; all that he had endured was not wasted or meaningless. It meant that "as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God" (RSV). God's saving power would be released through the witness of those who suffered yet trusted in the resurrection. With this outlook, Paul was not the kind to lose heart even though he knew that the strain of his ministry was taking its toll on his body. At the same time, "the inward man" — the redeemed and Spirit-guided self — was restored daily in faith and courage.

## Bond Accepts Church In Montana

Rev. Donnie Bond, formerly of Pike County, has moved to Conrad, Montana, to pastor a young Southern Baptist church, the Conrad Mission.

Bill Duncan, Director of the Special Education Dept. of the Conrad High School, reports that the church began as a mission of First Southern Baptist Church of Great Falls, Montana, Jan. 9, 1968 in the Bill Duncan home. Property on which to build was purchased in June, 1968. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, assisted financially with the building.

A Government missile program in operation at that time was cancelled. This left the mission in a financial crisis, as well as losing 75% of the membership.

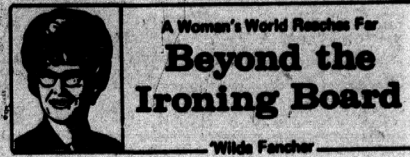
Mr. Duncan says, "We feel the Lord wants a Baptist Church here and evidence of this has been shown many times due to Christian friends in other areas who have sent workers to keep the doors open."

Rev. and Mrs. Bond are both graduates of Progress High School. After his serving two years in the armed services, he married Dimple Connerly of Pike County and together they operated a dairy farm for 15 years. In 1971 he was ordained into the gospel ministry by the Silver Springs Church, after which they both entered Southwest Junior College. Dimple finished a business course there and Donnie entered Mississippi College where he received his BS Degree in education in the 1975 class.

While attending college he pastored Robinson Church in Armit County and Dry Creek church in Simpson County. He resigned at Dry Creek Church to enter the pioneer missions work.

The Bonds have three sons: Mike 16, a junior in high school; Jimmy 14, a freshman in high school; and Ryan, one.

Churches or individuals wishing to become personally involved in Southern Baptist mission work can contact the Bonds at P. O. Box 27, Conrad, Montana. This church is the only Southern Baptist work in a town of 3500 people.



My hand was stretched out flat on the table. A little boy put his left hand on mine and began to rub his fingers on my hand. Soon his other hand reached to aid his left hand, and together they began to play with the ring on my finger. I almost pulled my hand away, from an old habit of not allowing youngsters to play with jewelry. Happily, I didn't, and, happily, I did hold my hand — and my heart — still while the little boy, who was blind, used his hands to look at my hand and to see my rings.

Then I helped him see the game we were using at our table in Sunday school, one with cards about Bible people, verses, stories and facts. It was my first time to teach a blind child, and I almost blew it.

But the point is not his blindness — he handled that magnificently. The point is my quickness. If we had to rank "waiting just a minute" on a scale from one to ten in value, I'd put it right up at ten. Waiting just a minute to see if he wanted to change his sentence, or take it all back. Waiting just a minute to be sure of what you saw or heard or felt, even. Waiting just a minute before figuring out what your child did, why he did it, or if he did it.

Waiting just a minute before spitting out an answer — or framing an accusation — or simply making an unpleasant statement. Touching this ring with my thumb while remembering the strokes of those soft, sensitive fingers has helped me to wait just a minute many times.

## Six Churches Qualify As Distinguished

Six Mississippi Baptist churches to date have qualified this year for Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide, according to information from Kermit S. King, Director of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

These churches are First Macon, Noxubee; Friendship, Pike; First Hattiesburg, Lebonon; First Pearl, Rankin; Zion, Pontotoc; and Harmony, Winston.

The Church Training Achievement Guide consists of a series of requirements which constitute the actions any church should be involved in to provide an adequate training program for its members. Its promotion by the state department is an effort to give church leaders a tool for planning and evaluating their work.

In addition to the six churches listed above, five other churches have qualified for Advanced Recognition during the year. This is the second of three levels of recognition. These churches are Navilla, Pike; Griffin Street, Jackson; Northside, Union County; First Starkville, Oktibbeha; and Belden, Lee.

Nine additional churches have qualified for the first level which is Merit Recognition: Bay View, Gulf Coast; First Moss Point, Jackson; First Florence, Rankin; First Aberdeen, Monroe; Parkway, Attala; Parkway, Adams; Bay Vista, Gulf Coast; Indian Springs, Jones; and Harmony, Jones.

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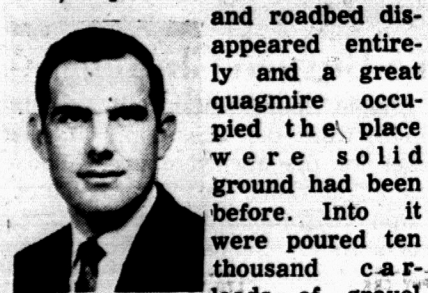
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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Laying A Good Foundation

By Bill Duncan  
Prov. 4:1-5; 8:35-36; 13:24; 22:6;  
31:25-29

When the Erie Railroad tracks were laid over Ararat Summit in 1875, a quarter of a mile of track and roadbed disappeared entirely and a great quagmire occupied the place where solid ground had been before. Into it were poured ten thousand car-



loads of gravel and five hundred large hemlock trees, but no perceptible effect was made toward forming a foundation on which to lay a new roadbed. Finally, solid rock was found 160 feet below the surface. On this, four tiers of piles, each forty feet long, were placed one on top of the other. The whole operation cost \$300,000. It took fifteen hundred trees and a whole hill of gravel to make a solid bed. This was the most costly operation in the history of railroad building.

But think of the cost paid by the Son of God on Calvary in order that He might become the foundation for our faith. Happy are they who establish their eternal life on the solid rock, Jesus Christ — and know the truth of the statement, "all other ground is sinking sand."

As we study these passages from the books of wisdom let us keep in mind what Billy Graham has said, "Godly wisdom pulls all the meaningless pieces of life together and makes them fit."

### RESPECT FOR PARENTS

One of the basic stones of a good foundation that will be helpful in building a life of good character is respect for parents. The simple biblical pattern of the child in the home leaves little room for discussion. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right" (Eph. 6:1).

The proverbial pattern of a father was that of a teacher. The instruction of the Bible is that the home should be a school where the child learns to live the proper life. It is true beyond question that the home is the classroom where more is learned than anywhere in the child's environment.

A pupil must have respect for the teacher if he is to want to follow his instruction. The child must respect the parent if he is to follow his instruction.

In the instruction of the wisdom of God, the teacher transmits the teaching which he has earned from the past generation. He demands receptivity, attention, and obedience. In Proverbs 4:1-5, the teacher or father does not appeal to any authority beyond his own experience and the inherent quality of his teaching. The teacher has made what he received his own.

The teacher-father exhorts his student-child "to get wisdom." The verb "get" means to acquire or bring into your possession — probably without regard for cost.

The picture is that of a father-teacher who wants his pupils to learn and then to continue to be loyal and to admire the teacher in return.

### DISCIPLINE FROM PARENTS

Another stone in a good foundation for life is discipline. At this point, parents are sent to their knees to ask for wisdom from a higher source. Too little discipline or too much or the wrong kind of discipline can spoil the mind, the spirit, the whole outlook for the future. The truth is that discipline must begin with a deep self-searching on the part of the parent.

Pain teaches. Doctors tell us that pain is one of the greatest protections the human has. It warns of danger when the organ affected might suffer serious damage without this sentinel of pain. Pain in punishment may be physical or it may be applied to the mind or emotions. A child might be deprived of a pleasure and suffer quite as much as through the switch.

A parent I know saw the report card grades of his daughter were very poor, so he told his daughter that she had to be punished for such poor work. Her punishment was to wear a dress to school, not jeans, until her grades were improved. Do you think it hurt to wear a dress when everyone else had on jeans? It worked.

The switch, however, seems to be an indispensable asset in correcting certain forms of disobedience, especially on the part of younger children. It hurts me to switch or paddle my children but I am commanded by God to teach my children to obey and honor Him. If I fail to discipline my children properly, I fail to obey the Lord Himself.

Discipline must fit the child. We have three sons and they are all different. Mark, the middle son, does not require the same or as much as any other child. His feelings are much more sensitive than the others.

Discipline must be admonished in love. Parents must avoid the problem of disciplining out of anger and in anger; instead discipline with love. The parents should never let the child lose sight of the fact that it is love in the heart that prompts the discipline they give.

### ROLES OF PARENTS

Another stone of a good foundation of a good life is a respect for the role that God has designed for the parents to live. The book of Proverbs speaks of the husband-father in terms of provider, protector, priest, professor, etc. The wife-mother is to be submissive, godly, trustworthy, etc. However, this role needs constant interpretation under the Lordship of Christ in love. In light of God's Word, can we say that we are living out the role that God wants us to live in today's situation? The foundation of happiness in the home is

not money, but parents who are right with each other and in their proper role.

Wife, would you like for your husband to say, "There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all?" Then allow God to make you like the woman of Proverbs 31! Here is a beautiful passage that gives God's standard for a godly wife. According to the passage her husband can trust her and she satisfies needs. She is industrious, energetic, and wise. She has a heart for the poor, and needs of others. She provides for the needs of her family and prepares for the eventualities of harder times. She is such a wife that her husband is freed to fulfill an important role in public life. She is a woman of her word and kind as well. She is not lazy or idle. Her children bless her and her husband praises her.

Martin Luther said of his wife, "The greatest gift of God is a pious, amiable spouse, who fears God, loves his house, with whom one can live in perfect confidence."

The reason that most lives are falling apart in our modern society is that they are not built upon a good foundation. Elton Trueblood has written a great book entitled Foundations for Reconstruction in which he presents the ten commandments in positive thought. The life of true happiness is built upon God and His teaching. Read James 3:13-18.

## N. O. Seminary Revises Curriculum

NEW ORLEANS—When classes open at New Orleans Seminary for the fall semester, students will be able to combine the fields of religious education and church music—without earning two separate degrees—for the first time in the institution's 57-year history.

According to the new curriculum revisions, the religious education student with an interest in church music may earn a master of religious education degree with a specialization (14 hours) in music.

His church music counterpart, who desires a combination ministry of music and education, can elect to take eight hours in religious education and receive a master of church music degree with a religious education minor.

### TWO SYMBOLS OF QUALITY



MISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT Helping Build Mississippi

## Baptists in Europe

The Baptist World Congress met last week in Stockholm. Southern Baptists in usually large numbers are touring Europe this summer. No doubt most of them will take advantage of opportunities to visit some of Europe's famous landmarks — the Coliseum, the Eiffel Tower, the Alps, Buckingham Palace. Some will seek refuge in places less familiar which are not overcrowded with fellow tourists.

Of course, tour guides and travel brochures don't mention the investment of Southern Baptists in the spiritual life of Europe. Even so, such an investment has a history more than one hundred years old. That investment continues through the Cooperative Program in unspectacular, though consistent ways. It provides missionary personnel, helps build church buildings in Eastern and Western Europe, educates theological students, assists English language work, and strengthens national Baptist work in many parts of Europe.

Fellow Baptists, welcome to Europe this summer! While you are enjoying the magnificent sights here, and reading some of the historic advances and tragedies that have alternately blessed and terrified the whole world, remember that you have a solid investment in Christian work in Europe. Be thankful for that investment, and pray for its good returns.

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European Baptist Convention  
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## Mississippi Newsbriefs

## Just For The Record



## Montrose Church Dedicates Building

Montrose pastor, James E. Pugh (Center, bottom photo) is "pretty pleased" as he gets ready to preach the dedication sermon for the new church building, top photo. The Montrose Church is now in its fourth building since it was organized in 1833 and Pugh is its 20th pastor. Dedication services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 6, following a dinner at the Montrose Community Center. With the pastor are members of the building committee. Left to right: Hubert Nix, Harmon Nix, Pugh, Frank James, and Burnise James. Over 200 were present for the dedication of the new auditorium which seats about 150 people and is completely paid for. Frank James of Bay Springs was contractor and James McCleskey of Hattiesburg was architect.

## A. A. Ward Retires After 43 Years

After forty-three continuous years in the ministry of our Lord, Rev. Adin A. Ward officially retired as of January 1, 1975. Forty-one of these years were in the pastorate and two years as superintendent of missions.

He served churches in Leake, Attala, Neshoba, Wilkinson, and Claiborne Counties, and two years as superintendent of missions in Leake County.

He and Mrs. Ward are now at home at Edinburg, Miss.

## Trinity, Eudora Calls Stallings

Trinity Church, Eudora, has called Rev. Sam Stallings as pastor, effective June 16. Mr. Stallings, a Tennessee native and graduate of Union University, has for the past two years been pastor of Liberty Church, Somerville, Tennessee.

Previously he has been youth director in churches in Paducah, Kentucky; Alamo, Tn., and Martin, Tn.

His wife is the former Connie Davis of Senatobia.

## Bethel (Adams) Goes "Full-Time"

Bethel Church (Adams) voted June 22 to put its pastor, Rev. Jerry G. McRaney, on the field full-time, beginning July 20.



Mr. McRaney, having served Bethel since 1973, has worked as an engineering aide with the Mississippi State Highway Department for the past year. During 1973-74 he taught Bible and history at Adams County Christian School.

Under his leadership the church's attendance has more than doubled. Bethel has started giving to the Cooperative Program. The pastorium and educational building have been paneled with kitchen facilities installed. An organ has been bought and a youth choir started.

Mr. McRaney was licensed in 1969 and ordained in 1973. He holds the BA degree from William Carey College. His wife, Jackie, is also a Carey graduate.

The McRaneys, natives of Covington County, are the parents of a one-year-old daughter, Kristen Leigh. They are expecting their second child in early October.

## David Jenkins Returns To State

Returning to Mississippi after two pastorates in North Carolina, Rev. David C. Jenkins has assumed his work as pastor of Stringer Church, Jasper Association. He left Mississippi in 1964 from Soso.

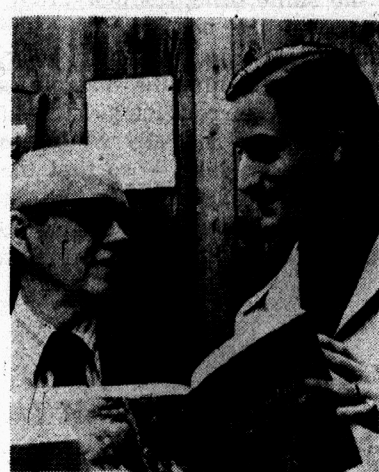


Rev. Jenkins began his ministry in Mississippi in 1946. He has also served in Georgia and Alabama. He is a graduate of Clarke College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Ina Hayes of Atlanta, where for several years he was a sports writer before entering the ministry. The Jenkins have two children, a son, David, in Maryland and a daughter, Mrs. Bill Touchstone of Laurel.



## Belden Receives Advanced Award

Belden Church has received the Advanced Church Training Award. They began working on the church training achievement guide as a result of a church training growth project in October 1971. At that time their church training attendance average was 40; their current average is 73. With the exception of one year Belden has attained Merit Award each year since 1971 and this is the second year they have received Advanced Award. Rev. W. Harold Anderson, right, Lee County Director of missions, presented the award to Rev. Banks Hardy, pastor, (left) and Miss Sarah Golding, church training director, center.



## Carey Student Is Venezuelan Official

Guillermo Schael, right, author of two published books on history and happenings in Venezuela, poses with Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, academic vice-president of the college. Schael, who is at Carey for one year to study public relations and related subjects, has been an official in the Ministry of National Parks, headquartered in Caracas, for the past five years. In addition, he and his family own the largest newspaper in the country of Venezuela which is also based in Caracas. Married and the father of a baby daughter, Schael made a presentation of copies of his two books, written in Spanish, to Dr. Ernest.

## Devotional

## But As For Us -- What?

By Jim Keith, Pastor, First, Laurel

Who can forget that vitriolic challenge attributed to Patrick Henry when he shook his fist in the face of England in 1775 and shouted, "But as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" The British House of Lords had laughed at the "raw, undisciplined, cowardly" militia of the Colonials and challenged them to quadruple their army of 50,000 to give the Red Coats a chance to defeat a worthy opponent. Henry responded to his enemy's arrogance by stating:

"Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. Three millions of people armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

Patrick Henry recognized that the Colonies had the resources needed for victory; they had the means — three million people; they had the cause—liberty; they had an ally—God's providence; and, they had the determination — vigilance, action, courage. That same mixture of ingredients which gave our nation political freedom are now needed for the important Christian cause of freeing our world from the oppression of sin.

We have the means — twelve million Southern Baptists alone; we have the cause—the liberty given by our Lord (Luke 4:18-19, John 8:32); we have the ally—God (Romans 8:31) through Christ (Philippians 4:13); but do we have the determination? The victory can be obtained if God's people will shout with the committed voice of an army, "But as for us, we will stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free!" (Galatians 5:1)



## MBCB Sends Aid To Burned Church

In a ceremony at the site of Carey Chapel Church, Marshall Association, a check for \$2,500 was presented, from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as emergency relief for the burned church. Those present are in top photo. Bottom photo, left to right, are: Tommy Tutor, moderator, Marshall Association; Don Grimmett, pastor of Carey Chapel; Bob Dent, Convention Board member; Curtis Teel, chairman of deacons at Carey Chapel; and Arthur Leslie, director of missions, Lafayette-Marshall Associations.

## Bethel (Chickasaw) To Celebrate 125th Anniversary July 20

On July 20, Bethel Church members in Chickasaw County will celebrate the church's 125th anniversary by beginning a revival, eating lunch together, and listening to a special concert at 2 p.m. by The Christianaires.

Rev. Billy Williams will preach for the revival, which will continue Monday - Friday, July 21-25, at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Bill Smith, III will lead the music.

The history of Bethel has been compiled by Mrs. Clifton House, Mrs. M. R. Pulaski, and the pastor, Rev. Thomas Wicker.

It was September 20, 1850 when a group of eleven baptized believers met to organize a church on the same plot of ground, and named it Bethel. They built a church of logs and "started keeping house for God," according to the records.

The first pastor, Rev. James Martin, died in 1885 and was the first person to be buried in the Bethel cemetery. In 1869 the congregation built a larger house of worship. In 1872 they organized their first Sunday School.

The records show that seven men from the church were killed in the Civil War.

Bethel was active concerning discipline of its members.

The church still has its original records, except ones from 1902 to 1932 that were destroyed in a fire.

The old building was torn down in 1952 and a new one built. In

1957 the church went to full time services. In 1970 they employed their first music director. A pastor's home built in 1956 was remodeled in 1971. Since 1960 the church has made many building improvements.

Records show that nine men have been ordained at Bethel as pastors, one as an evangelist, one as minister of music, and 24 as deacons. Bethel grew from 11 members to 224 members in 125 years. The church has had 29 pastors, 28 deacons, and 31 clerks. Largest number of revival results came in August, 1896, with 36 baptisms, and in July, 1933, with 35 for baptism.

Bethel supports the Cooperative Program, is now debt free and continues "keeping house for God."

## Harrells Take Co-Lit Duties

NAIROBI, Kenya — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Harrell, Southern Baptist missionaries, have been named directors for the coordinated literature program for Eastern and Southern Africa.

Their new job will involve coordination of Sunday School and other literature used in the churches of this area, assisting publishing house directors and working with missionaries and nationals in editing and writing on five levels of materials.



## Baptized In 1892 At 1st, Grenada

On June 29, First Church, Grenada celebrated its 137th anniversary. The church was founded on June 30, 1838.

In connection with the anniversary observance, 53 members of the church who had been members for fifty continuous years were presented special golden years' Certificates of Appreciation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown has been a member of First, Grenada for 83 years, having joined by baptism in 1892. She is pictured receiving her special certificate from the pastor, Dr. John Lee Taylor.

## Missionary Dies In Hong Kong

KOWLOON, Hong Kong — Charles P. Cowherd, Southern Baptist missionary, died of a heart attack here June 26. He was 62 years old.

A funeral service was conducted in Hong Kong, June 29. The body was then shipped to Ridgecrest, N. C., where another service was held July 1 at Ridgecrest Baptist Church with Baker J. Cauten, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, offering. Burial will follow in Ridgecrest.

Cowherd was stationed in Hong Kong as a general evangelist. His missionary career began in China.

## Homecoming At Sand Ridge

Sand Ridge Church, Route 1, Lake, in Scott County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 20. Besides the regular morning service, there will be dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon, but no evening service. Rev. Kenneth West is the pastor.

## Lees To Return From France On Furlough

Hal B. and Lu Ann Lee, FMB missionaries in Paris, France, will be returning to Mississippi on August 1 for furlough. Children Peter, Elizabeth, and Matthew will accompany them. Dan is a student in Perkinson Junior College.

The Lees have been serving in the pastorate of Emmanuel Baptist Church (English-speaking), Paris. After furlough they expect to return to Paris to work with French-speaking churches.

Before leaving Paris the Lees helped to install their successors at Emmanuel, Everett and Bernice Croxton of Charleston, S.C. Emmanuel is composed of Baptists from several countries. It has

a watchcare program for other evangelical Christians. A member described it as a "refugee where people in a foreign culture band together in Christ to furnish an evangelical witness, and to strengthen Christian family life."

The member, Ron Martin, expressed warm appreciation of the Lees, and their unstinting labor and love for a transient church membership.

Pascagoula will be the Lees' furlough home. Hal expects to study at New Orleans Seminary. His parents are the Hal B. Lees, Dr. and Lou Ann's are the L. E. Greens, formerly in the pastorate of Prentiss Church.



Hal and Lu Ann Lee, left, Mississippi missionaries to France, will return to the state on furlough in August. Bernice and Everett Croxton, right, will continue the work at Emmanuel Church, Paris, while the Lees are gone. (Photo by Alice Hyatt)

## Central, Brookhaven Calls New Pastor

Rev. H. Glen Schilling has resigned as pastor of Friendship Church, McComb to accept the call as pastor of Central, Brookhaven. He and his wife have moved into the pastorium at 1101 N. Jackson St., Brookhaven. They held open house on Sunday, July 13, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Under his leadership at Friendship there were 145 additions to the church. They led the association in baptisms in 1973 and tied for first place in 1974. The budget increased from \$37,000 in 1972 to \$54,000 in 1974. Total income increased from \$37,200 in 1972 to \$81,200 in 1974. Missions giving increased to 18% for Cooperative Program, 2% to associational missions, and an annual increase in gifts to Children's Village and BSU at SMJC.

A \$300,000 family life center was built, an old school building and seven acres of land bought, and a radio ministry started. Three new church Training classes have been organized, as well as

## Atheens, two G.A.'s, two R.A.'s

one Baptist Young Women's group. Mr. Schilling formerly was pastor in Copiah, Yazoo, and Scott Association. He studied at Mississippi College and Luther Rice Seminary.



Rev. and Mrs. H. Glen Schilling

## Off The Record

The young girl smiled sweetly at the long line as she stepped into the phone booth. "Don't worry," she said, "I just want to hang up on him."

A college senior dated a young lady from a nearby girls' school a few times. Then some weeks passed, and when she hadn't heard from him, she took it upon herself to send him a telegram reading: Dead, Delayed or Disinterested? To which the young man promptly wired back: Hunting, Fishing or Trapping? — Funny Funny World.

A Moscow University professor told his class that interplanetary junketing was distinctly in the cards. "We will be able to travel to Mars, Pluto, and Venus," said the savant. "Are there any questions?"

A student in the rear raised his hand. "When," he asked, "can we travel to Vienna?" — American Opinion.

A grandmother took her three-year-old granddaughter into her lap and began reading to her from Genesis. After a while, noticing that the little girl was unusually quiet, the grandmother asked, "Well, what do you think of it, dear?" "Oh, I love it," answered the child. "You never know what God is going to do next!" — David W. Richardson, New Pulpit Digest.

## Revival Results

Calvary, Columbus: June 15-20; five professions of faith; three additions by letter; many meaningful dedications; evangelist, Rev. George Hern, Memphis; director of music, Eddie Cox; pastor, Rev. Jerry W. Stevens.

MADRID, Spain — The buildings of the Spanish Baptist Seminary here cannot be moved, but books, thoughts and lives can be brought to the people all over Spain. The faculty of the Spanish Baptist Seminary has voted to start a new program of training for pastors and laymen called "Seminary at a Distance."



## "Bootstrappers" Hear Senator Stennis

Forty service men on leave to complete their undergraduate degrees were graduated recently from William Carey College. Stopping to chat with the servicemen, part of a class of 267 seniors, is Mississippi Senator John E. Stennis, center right, who was the commencement speaker. To the senator's left is Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college. The outstanding response to William Carey College's degree completion plan for servicemen has resulted in the building of spacious new facilities for the department of business and economics, including a new computer. Senator Stennis is Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the United States Congress.